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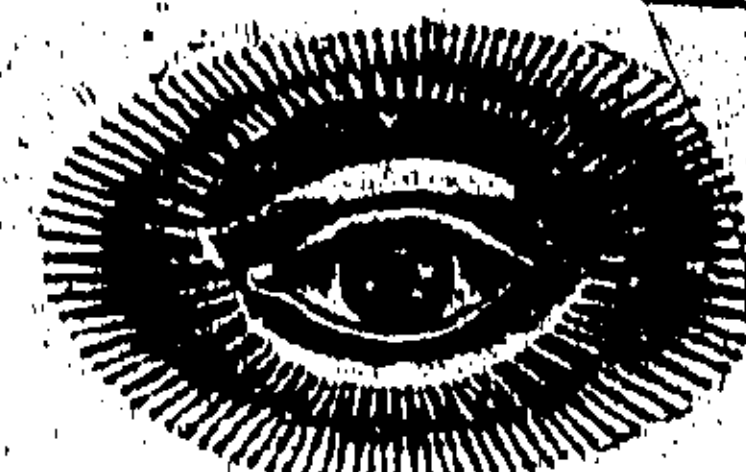
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TROUBLE ON YANGTSE.

American Ships Warned Not To Carry Britons.

TYRANNY OF THE UNIONS.

Threats to Kill Chinese In British Employ

Further trouble on the Yangtse is reported in the latest naval wireless messages received in Hong Kong. American steamers have been warned not to carry British passengers and threats have been made to kill Chinese in British employ. A strike of the A.P.C. employees is threatened.

AMERICAN STEAMERS.

Warned Against Taking British
Refugees.

The following wireless mes-
sages were received over-night by
the local naval authorities:—

Forty-eight refugees have left
Ichang down river in an American
steamer.

The pilots have been intimidat-
ed.

Threats have been made
against American ships for carry-
ing British passengers and for
"leading" British ships down the
river.

Threat of Death.

The Kuomintang and Labour
Unions at Changsha have threat-
ened to condemn to death all in
British employ and all supplying
with necessities British subjects
in the neighbourhood.

Coal contractors have been seized
under the proclamation that
has been issued to this effect for
supplying the Consulate.

The British Concession at Han-
kow will be transferred to a Chin-

tion representative, was now pro-
ceeding to Kiukiang to discuss
with His Majesty's consul the
question of compensation.

Asked by Sir Kinloch Cooke
whether British subjects at Han-
kow would receive the same com-
pensation, Mr. Locker Lampson
said that he understood that
there was intensive looting at
Kiukiang which was not the case
at Hankow.

Sir Kinloch Cooke interjected:
"Oh, yes it was."—Reuter.

More British Troops.

London, Feb. 22.

The Secretary for War, Sir L.
Worthington Evans, speaking at
Colchester, said that more British
troops would reach Shanghai on
Feb. 23, March 1 and March 2,
when there should be a sufficient
force to protect British lives and
property, but if no attack were
made on life in Shanghai that
force would never be used.—
Reuter.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

Lord Gort's Wonderful
Record.

Gen. John Duncan's Chief of
Staff in the Shanghai Defence
Force is Colonel Viscount Gort,
V.C., D.S.O., M.C., Grenadier
Guards, whose record in the
field during the war was one
of the most distinguished. In
addition to winning the V.C.,
D.S.O., and M.C., he was
awarded two bars to the D.S.O.
and was mentioned nine times in
despatches. He has been Chief
Instructor of the Senior Officers
School, Sheerness, since 1926.

According to a writer in a Home
paper, Lord Gort is a descendant
of John Vereker one of the 49
officers deprived of commissions by
Cromwell for Royalist sentiments.
"The 49," says Lord Orreary,
"went over to Ireland, preferring
the hazard of their lives once
more before the servitude of their
country."

To-day's Lord Gort, too, has
"hazarded" his life, as his V.C.
and his D.S.O. with two bars in-
dicate. When he cannot get fight-
ing he loves yachting.

Mention of Lord Gort reminded
a military friend of an incident
which happened during the Great
War. This man had under his
command a Ford box car, and was
using it to get to St. Sixte, where
the 19th Corps was stationed,
when he was stopped by a young
colonel, who asked him to give
him a lift, and this with Staff cars
thick on the road!

He allowed the colonel to climb
into the back of the car, and so
carried Viscount Gort hunched up
on his way to see the Earl of
Cavan.

Some folk say that Lord Gort
has won more medals than any
other British officer, but I am not
repeating this as truth infallible.

Besides yachting in summer, he
usually spends his Christmas
holidays at St. Moritz, where he
excels in winter sports, and he
also takes a great interest in the
theatre. He once told me that one
of his ambitions was to write a
successful play.

AMERICA'S POLICY.

President Urged To Negotiate
Independently.

Washington, Feb. 21.

The House of Representatives
by 269 to 44 votes passed a resolu-
tion recommending President
Coolidge to negotiate with China
"independently of other nations."
The resolution has been sent to
the Senate.—Reuter's American
Service.

MARINES HERE.

'Minnesota' Arrives With
1,000 Aboard.

TO LEAVE FOR NORTH.

The s.s. "Minnesota," with 1,000
marines on board, arrived in har-
bour at 11 a.m. to-day and proceed-
ed to buoy in midstream.

The troops may be allowed ashore
to "stretch their legs" but they will
not be disembarked here for any
length of time.

The "Minnesota," with the troops,
will be leaving to-morrow or Friday
for Shanghai.

On board the s.s. "Minnesota" is
the Base Commandant of the
Shanghai Defence Force (which is
up to the strength of a division),
Colonel H. de C. Martelli, D.S.O.,
who is the "Colonel on Staff" in the
list of appointments made under
Major-General John Duncan.

Colonel Martelli was formerly a
Gunner officer and his last appoint-
ment before coming out was as com-
manding the Royal Artillery (com-
prising the 51st, 52nd and 53rd
Field Brigades) in the 65th (The
West Lancashire) Division of the
Western Command at Home.

The special appointments under
Colonel Martelli, as cabled out on
Jan. 25 were:—

D. A. Q. M. G. Major W. W.
Wagstaff (Bodford & Herts).
D.A.P.M.: Captain J. A. Jervois
(K.O.Y.L.L.).

Senior Chaplain: Rev. M. W.
Shewell.

Officer attached to R.A.: Lt.-Col.
T. G. G. Heywood.

C.R.E.: Major E. A. H. James.

Of the 10,000, or so troops from
Home on account of the crisis in
China, the first batch to arrive
directly from the Old Country are
on the "Minnesota."

This boat was formerly the
troopship "Zealand" and was re-
named shortly before departure on
Jan. 26.

The 1,000 Royal Marines on
board waited practically a week at
Portsmouth before embarking as
the "Minnesota" was held up by
fog.

The battalion of Marines is com-
manded by Lt.-Col. George Carpenter,
O.B.E., D.S.O., R.M., who has been
in Hong Kong before.

Lt.-Col. Carpenter last served at
the Royal Marine Depot at Deal. He
recently completed 30 years' service
with the corps. He was awarded the
D.S.C. for services during landing
operations in the Persian Gulf in
1915. Colonel Carpenter has also
seen service in China. From 1905
to 1907 he was musketry instructor
at Hong Kong.

Huge crowds extending three
miles long said enthusiastic fare-
wells to the Marines who marched
with bands playing and the men
singing and whistling.

There are also on board the same
ship two flights of the Royal Air
Force, additions to the flying
strength out here, and also 80 Naval
ratings, these being reliefs for the
China Station.

When the "Minnesota" left Port-
smouth on Jan. 26, there was a
rousing farewell, unparalleled even
during the great war. Friends and
relations thronged the quayside and
the marines rushed down the gang-
ways and hugged their wives and
sweethearts. Three bands played
lively airs, the marines and their
farewellers roaring the choruses.
Finally the ship cast off to the
strains of "Auld Lang Syne" amid
a wonderful demonstration conclud-
ing with cheers for the ship and
counter-cheers from the quayside.

LATEST NEWS.

SUN NOW OUT OF THE WAR.

DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Feb. 23.
Chang Tsung-chang entered
Nanking to-day and assumed con-
trol of the city by arrangement
with Sun Chuan-fang. Arrange-
ments are being made for the
Fengtien troops taking over and
garrisoning the railway south
of Nanking, thus enabling the
Northern Army, approximat-
ing 30,000 men, which is at pre-
sent entering Nanking, being
rapidly thrown into the defence of
Shanghai, indicating that Sun is
now practically eliminated as a
factor.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar,
on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/13.

CRUISERS JOIN SOUTH.

Sensational Shanghai Developments.

SHELLING OF ARSENAL.

French Concession and Native City Struck.

There have been sensational develop-
ments in Shanghai, where
two of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's
cruisers have joined the South.
They fired on the Kiangan Arsenal.
Five shells fell in the French
Concession and five in the Native City.
The British forces are
standing by.

CRUISERS FOR SOUTH.

Shells Fall Into French
Concession.

Shanghai, Feb. 23.

Two Chinese cruisers lying in
the Whangpoo above Shanghai
to-day were deflected from Mar-
shal Sun Chuan-fang's to the
Southerners.

They fired on Marshal Sun
Chuan-fang's Kiangan Arsenal
which is almost on the boundary
of the French Concession.

Five shells fell in the French
Concession and five in the native
city, the latter killing two Chin-
ese.

Two British and two American
homes were damaged, but no for-
eigners were injured.

Marines are guarding the
French Concession boundaries
and the British troops and naval
men are standing by.

Chinese refugees are pouring
into the Settlement from the Na-
tive City.—Reuter.

Not the Biggest.
Sun Chuan-fang's "holding"
constitutes by no means the full
strength of the Chinese Naval
forces.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin has
more and bigger ships further
North than Shanghai.

Other cruisers and gunboats,
nominally loyal to the North,
were at Foochow until Fukien
province fell into the hands of
the Nationalists.

The attitude of these
boats is now doubtful.
At Canton and elsewhere in
Kwangtung province, the Naval
strength is confined to one obso-
lete cruiser and a number of gun-
boats.

Hitherto the "Navy" has taken
a very small part in China's civil
wars. So-called squadrons and
flotillas have been boasted by the
faction with which they have re-
mained until prospects of a more
prompt paymaster were found.

History Repeated.

In his break with General Chan
Kwing-ming in June, 1922, the
late Dr. Sun Yat-sen claimed the
control of the first Northern
Cruiser Squadron (then at Wham-
poo) but only his flagship remain-
ed loyal to him—after his bom-
bardment of Canton—and the
other boats gradually stole away
to form the nucleus of Marshal
Chang Tso-lin's fleet, now directed
by General Chang Tsung-chang of
Shantung.

With the lead given them, it is
not improbable that the remain-
ing units of Sun Chuan-fang's
naval arm will also go over to the
Cantonese who will find them
very useful for minor actions on
the Yangtse River.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

The Housing of Troops In
Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 22.

The Suffolks have landed and
are occupying the quarters of the
Punjabis on the racetrack. The
latter are leaving for Hong Kong
this afternoon.

The problem of providing space
for British troops here, which
threatened to become acute has
been satisfactorily solved. To
avert possible protests from other
nationals against troops being
quartered in international prop-
erty, so far only British prop-
erty has been used.

Yesterday the British Consul
General applied to the municipal-
ity for permission to use the Jess-
field Park. The municipality not
only agreed but intimated that all
municipal property such as
schools, etc., would be placed at
the disposal of the defence force
if required.—Reuter.

Executions Continue.

Shanghai, Feb. 22.

It is estimated that there are
still 100,000 labourers striking,
but with a partial resumption of
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The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE, M. A., Oxon, Headmaster.
Hong Kong, 23rd Feb, 1927

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ON FRIDAY, the 25th February, 1927, commencing at 2.45 p.m. at his Residence, No. 4, Cox Road, Kowloon.

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Hong Kong, 21st Feb, 1927.

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ON FRIDAY, the 25th February, 1927, commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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NOTICES.**THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, February 14th, 1927 to THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPPELL, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb 23rd, 1927.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February to SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

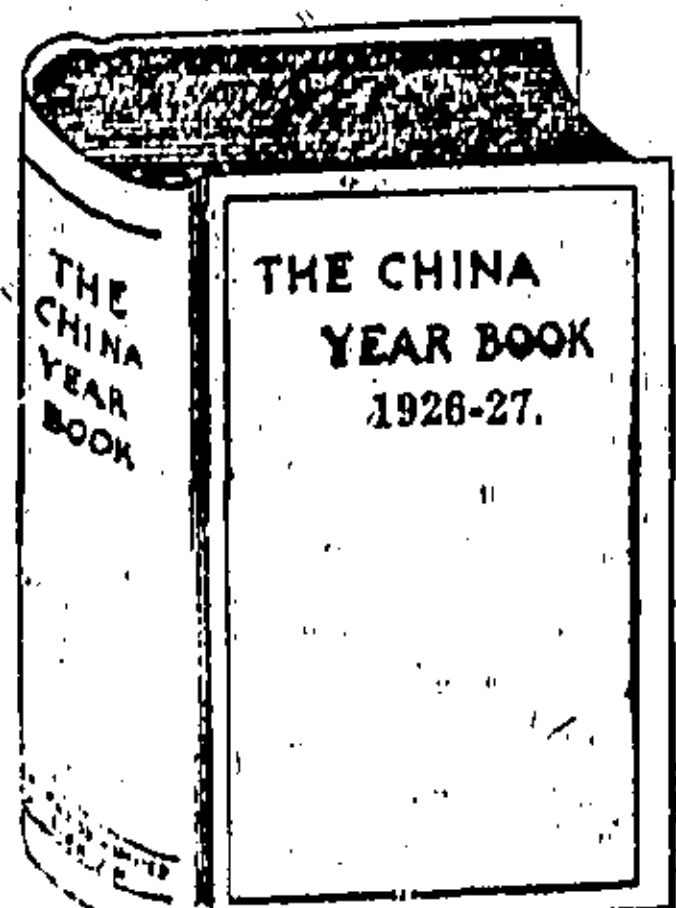
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(St. David's Society, Hong Kong.)

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Society will take place at the Hotel Savoy on TUESDAY, March 1st, 1927, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 each. Members are invited to attend and bring guests and are requested to inform the undersigned as soon as possible of the number, names and addresses of their guests and to forward at the same time the cost of the tickets.

G. S. HUGH-JONES, Hon. Secretary.
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Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1927.

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SHORTS OR KILTS?**Singapore Volunteer's Scottish Company.****BURNING QUESTION.****Should Englishmen Be Allowed to Join?**

While Hong Kong has been preoccupied with the crisis in China, Singapore appears to have been the battle ground of a momentous question—should Englishmen be permitted to join the Scottish Company of the Volunteers? The question having an equally vital interest for Hong Kong, the "China Mail" reprints below the letters that have been sent to the Editor of the "Straits Times" on this burning subject.

The first letter, headed "Why call it a Scottish Company?" is as follows:—

To the Editor of the "Straits Times".—Whenever the Singapore Volunteer Corps parades in public one is impressed by the big turnout of members of the kilted company and thinks what a fine patriotic lot of men Scotsmen are. Inquiry, however, shows that quite a lot of these men are not Scotsmen at all, have no connection with that portion of Britain and very often have not even been there. If you ask why they joined a company which is supposed to be for Scotsmen only they treat the question as a joke. One can only suppose that they are attracted by the decorative clothes supplied to the men of the Company.

This is all very well but not good enough. A kilted company confined to Scotsmen is an excellent idea, if Scotsmen like to make themselves distinctive, but if enlistment is open to all and sundry the thing is merely ridiculous. One would think the officers of the company would be the first to protest against such foolery, or are they obsessed by the fetish of a fine parade strength?

There is also a monetary side to the question. These kilts and other distinctive gear must cost more than the cheap and serviceable shorts, so a member of the Scottish Company must be a more expensive item than a member of a less decorative unit. It is not a large item, and no objects to a Scottish Company for Scotsmen only, if they prefer to do their volunteering this way, but why spend money to dress up men who have no right there?

I think the joke has gone far enough. The officers of the S.V.C. should refuse to countenance a foolish masquerade.—Yours, etc., SHORTS.

And Proud of It.

The following day two correspondents rushed to the defence. Thus:—

To the Editor of the "Straits Times".—Will Mr. Shorts produce a few figures before writing absurd letters. From his epistle one imagines that about 50 per cent. of C Co. are not Scotsmen, a fact which would be far removed from actual figures. I personally, as a unit of C Co. and proud of it too, can only think of half a dozen doubtful Scots offhand.

In any case, why should a poor Sasenach join C Co. for the decorative effect, when, if one cared to inquire, 99 per cent. of the same gentlemen go about in the ordinary course of events, saying they wouldn't be seen dead in the kilt, or words to that effect?

I can only suggest that C Co. made a fine showing last Sunday, and Mr. Shorts has gone green with envy, or possibly your correspondent tried to enroll and, being unsuccessful, has a grouse. We break a lance, keep his thoughts to himself concerning C Co. instead of talking about foolish masquerades.—Yours, etc., C Co.

To the Editor of the "Straits Times".—My Dear Shorts,—Don't be childish. Whatinthe does it matter what the men in the Scottish Company wear if it swells the numbers of the volunteers? It is "British" that is the keyword whether you are Aussie or Cockney, Digger or Doughboy.

The Gurkhas play bairns and call themselves Highlanders—did you know that?

H. R. H. wears a different uniform every day in the week. I contend the only people who can legitimately grouse at Englishmen being in the Scottish Company are the Scots in that company; but so long as they open the hospitality of their ranks to Sasenachs and it is accepted surely who shall blame them?—Yours, etc., DRAWERS.

Peaved or Hasty. The third day brought not less than four letters, including one with an official flavour:—

To the Editor of the "Straits Times".—

Sir,—It seems that your correspondent Shorts is either a little peaved because he is not wearing the kilt himself, or is inclined to be a little hasty in passing judgment on the men who are not pukka Scots and enjoy the so-called privileges of distinctive gear.

May I say, as one of those who are not pukka and therefore, according to your correspondent, treating the idea of being amongst the Scotsmen, as a joke, that he appears to have forgotten one or two little points of great import.

When I arrived in Singapore about three months ago (naturally knowing very few people here) I met by good fortune a certain

Scotsman who was working wholeheartedly in the interests of the S.V.C. I mooted the idea of joining, and this new friend of mine offered to take me along and introduce me; merely by a stroke of fortune was I likely to become a member of the Scottish Company. Of the other friends I knew, none had mentioned the existence of a Volunteer Corps.

If by any chance the monetary side of the question is likely to embarrass anybody, well, I will be willing to pay the difference, but I raise strong objection to being kicked out simply because your correspondent considers the likes of myself and contemporaries to be of a vainglorious temperament. Whenever jokes have been cracked regarding non-Scots in the Scottish Company, the joke has invariably been one-sided; this is a little food for thought.

Another point I raise strong objection to, and that is "Why dress up men who have no right there," meaning, of course the parasitical creatures like myself.

Why no right? Can a Scotsman join any of the other companies? If not the meaning of the S.V.C. would be more appropriately the Singapore Compulsory Corps.

There does not appear to me to be any joke attached to the thing at all, but rather hasty insinuations against men who impartially joined the Scottish Company. If I stand all alone in my contentions, well, I consider it a slight on the efforts of the men of the Scottish Company who have worked hard to gain a few new recruits.—Yours, etc., USURPER.

Bad Taste.

To the Editor of the "Straits Times".—Sir,—I feel that, out of consideration for my colleagues in the local Scottish Company, it is incumbent on me to take some notice of the recent correspondence which has appeared in your paper.

The letter signed Shorts and headed "Why Call it a Scottish Company?" which appeared in your issue of February 14, is a stupid and bitter outburst, and when one thinks of the struggle that a few enthusiasts are carrying on to popularize volunteering and to keep those who are volunteers interested, what does it matter what company a fellow joins if he is keen?

I suppose that men probably join the Scottish Company for one of three reasons: (1) They are Scots; (2) Their pal or pals are in the Scottish Company; (3) They want to wear the kilt! Is it suggested that Headquarters should refuse to enroll a man in the Scottish Company if he expresses such a desire? If man "volunteers" surely he can choose the unit he wishes to serve in.

I can assure Shorts that even given (a) "patriotism," (b) "The decorative clothes," (c) the expense—to which he so caustically refers—it is difficult enough to keep men interested, and such remarks as his are very greatly to be deprecated as discouraging to those who work not only for the good of the Scottish Company, but the whole S.V.C.

When Shorts indited his letter he was no doubt aware that his remarks would be resented so he refrained from facing the bowling squarely, by signing his name, and took refuge behind a Nom de Guerre. I think further comment unnecessary except to say that a discussion in the press of the merits and demerits of the various companies in the S.V.C. is not in good taste.

There are excellent facilities for friendly discussion at the Drill Hall and I can assure Shorts again, that the Scottish Company would be the last to not appreciate friendly rivalry.—Yours, etc., DONALD MACLEOD, Crinolines!

To the Editor of the "Straits Times".—

Sir,—Shorts has, not to my surprise, been beaten by Drawers. Volunteers must be obtained and if the kilt attracts some who are not the genuine Scot, then let it. Recruiting is helped and that is the objective.

The objects of volunteering are firstly, to have a keen auxiliary force conversant with local conditions, and secondly, useful as a show of strength. There is nothing more terrifying than a body of Scottish troops marching past singing. The scenic effect of kilted soldiery is not a patch on a line of kilts. If it will help recruiting, issue crinolines.

Modern science has recently discovered that plenty of fresh air on the body kills germs. On the basis of "If there is anything going cheap have a lot," the Ancient Scot when drawing up the plans for the kilt arranged for a good current of air and so preceded the scientist. Science can teach the Scotsman nothing in the use of fresh air. In

NOTICES.**WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.****STRETCHER BEDS.**

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of D.A.D.O.S., SOUTH CHINA COMMAND, Ordnance Office, Queen's Road East, until 12 noon, 26th February, 1927, for the supply of 9,500 Stretcher Beds, to be delivered before 15th March, 1927.

Tender Forms, and Specification can be obtained, and sample seen, on application to the ORDNANCE OFFICER at above address, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon daily, Sundays excepted.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**DERBY SWEEP.**

THE Non-Selling Lottery on "The Hong Kong Derby" will be drawn in the Hong Kong Club Stand at the Race Course on SATURDAY, 26th February, 1927 at 3 p.m.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**RACE MEETING 1927.**

28th February, 1st, 2nd & 5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.—per day.

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Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1927.

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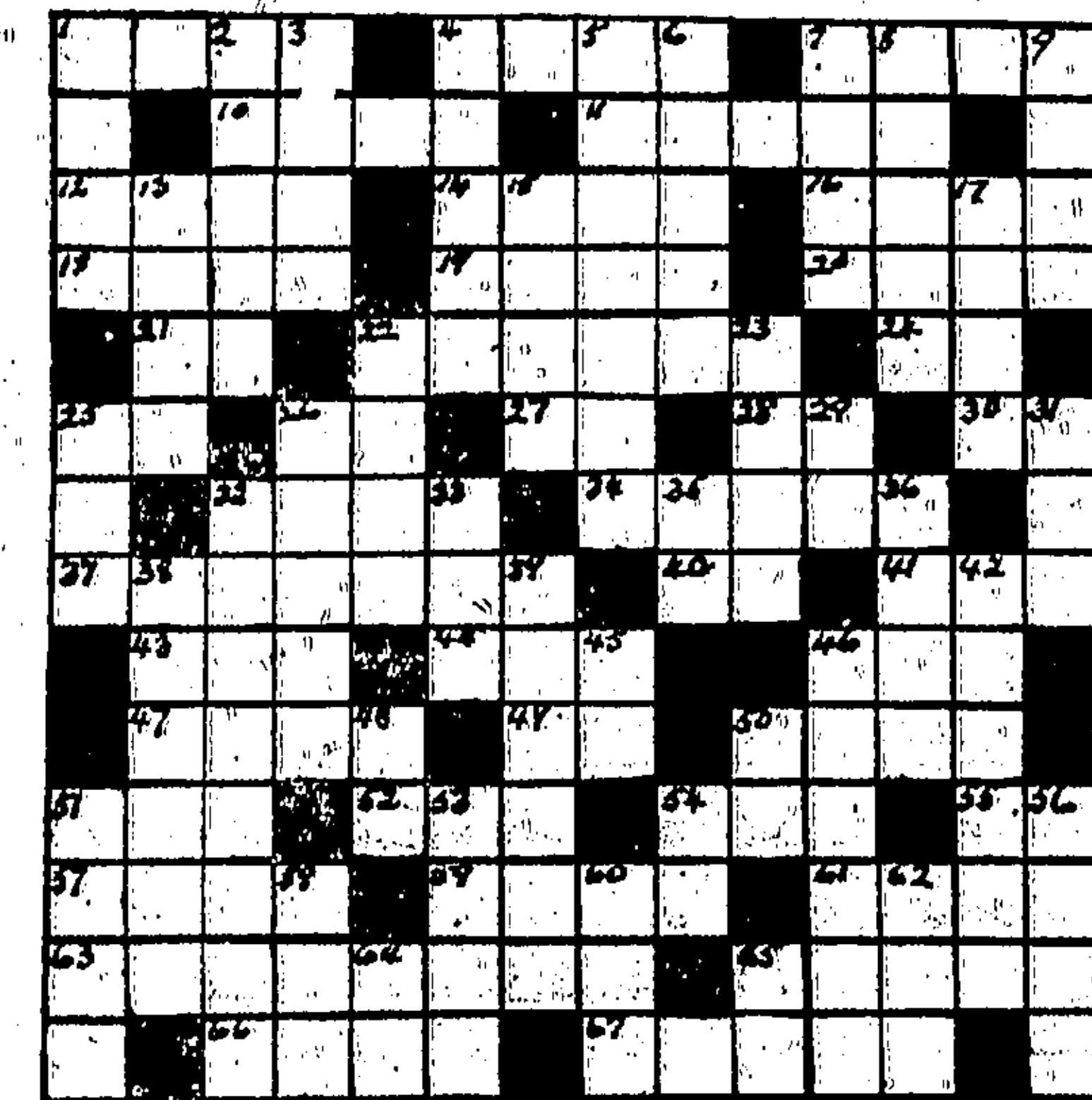
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- An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon. Three entries, however, may be sent in together for one dollar.
- No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
- Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
- No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
- The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
- The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
- The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
- Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
- Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
- All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
- No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
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Name.....

Address.....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, FEB. 28.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

- To go quickly.
- A blow.
- A vessel for holding liquor.
- Close by.
- In front.
- To temper by heat.
- Noting passage inwards.
- Dutch colonist (South Africa).
- A cry.
- One who does anything.
- Eject lustily.
- H L (actual).
- Eagerly desires for something.
- T G (actual).
- Not so.
- T E (actual).
- Denotes surprise (interj.).
- 1st per: sing: of verb "to be."
- E A (actual).
- Found in sea water (for seasoning).
- Very fond of.
- Tumbles down or falls over.
- With reference to.
- H S T (actual).
- P H E (actual).
- To stain or colour something.
- A simpleton.
- A period at school.
- Like this.
- A vessel for heating water.
- Respectful title for a man.
- To perform on the stage.
- Fusa.
- P R (actual).
- To prepare food for eating.
- Aerial or spiritual.
- Underside of foot.
- Soldiers and sailors wear them.
- A sea nymph.
- Native of Denmark.
- All writings not in verse.

Clues Down.

- A part connecting two parts.
- A twisted knot in wood.
- Eel like.
- State of being proud.
- Belonging to the side.
- A sharp woody spine.
- Types of horse vehicles.
- To take another's child as one's own.
- A circuit.
- Imitation.
- The man who built an ark.
- Well done!
- To scream.
- To rescue.
- A one celled fruit.
- Small wax candle.
- Personal pronoun.
- Liable.
- A body nearly spherical.
- To spread grass.
- Alternative.
- To avoid.
- One's choice.
- Regular method.
- An iron loop or a looped nail.
- E O (actual).
- Inability to raise the upper eyelid.
- Mother.
- Editor (abbrev.).
- To run quickly.
- Headfulness.
- A Y (actual).
- To split.
- K F A (actual).
- R S P (actual).
- Raw metal.
- Not off.
- Thus.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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HANKOW MARU Thursday, 3rd March.

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WIDE SEARCH FAILS.

Manila, Feb. 19.
Little hope is indicated by local shipping and insurance men that the American Pioneer line freighter "Elkton," which sent out distress signals late Thursday night, is still afloat. The "Liberator," steamer that received the distress call, made a search over a radius of 200 miles but was unable to find any trace of the ship, other than oil floating on top of the rough seas.

The missing ship was between Manila and Guam, and in its distress signal, gave its position as 135.36 degrees east longitude and 14.16 north latitude, or about 1,000 miles from Manila. The message was abruptly broken off.

Members of Crew.

There was a crew of 36 aboard. The master was Captain E. C. Schnellhardt. Other members of the crew were W. A. David; C. Johansen; W. Moller; H. Wiswell; O. F. Ruble; H. Janussen; G. Stenberg; P. L. Schriekel; E. R. Midzette; E. Hanson; W. Flynn; W. Richards; D. J. Owen; J. Ander-

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Four United States navy destroyers were dispatched from Manila at 5 p.m. yesterday to aid in the search for the missing boat and crew. The destroyers that sailed

COLOMBO DEADLOCK.

General Harbour Strike Developing.

Colombo, Feb. 22.
The mediatory efforts of the Government Advisory Board in connection with the harbour strike have failed and a general harbour strike appears to be materialising.—Reuter.

were the "Standard," "Preston," "Paul Jones," and "Stewart." They should arrive in the vicinity from where the "Elkton" sent the distress message at about 4 a.m. tomorrow.

It is hoped by Admiral line officials, agents for the steamer, that the freighter may have been able to reach some point on the island of Guam.

The "Elkton" had a valuable cargo of sugar and coconut oil. It left Pulupandan, Negros, at 6 a.m. on February 9, destined for Atlantic ports by way of the Panama canal. It was to have stopped at Honolulu for fuel.

All Cargo Insured.

The sugar cargo was 7,500 tons and was valued at approximately \$736,500. The coconut oil cargo was 850 tons and was valued at about \$136,000. The entire cargo was insured. It is understood that the gross of the insurance was handled through E. E.

Elser, Ed A. Keller and Company, and the Union Insurance Company of Canton, a large port, of this insurance was sub-insured through other companies.

The value of the "Elkton" could not be ascertained. It is a United States shipping board vessel and therefore is not insured by a commercial insurance company. The "Elkton's" tonnage was 9,600 dead tons, 8,818 gross and 4,674 net. It was built by Skinner and Eddy in 1919 at Seattle. It was a steel screw ship and burned oil.

The nature of the ship's trouble was not learned further than it was in a full gale. The fact that oil was found on the water does not necessarily mean that the boat submerged. It is customary in rough seas, such as the "Elkton" was sailing in, to spray oil over the surface of the water to quiet the seas. The "Liberator" did not find wreckage or other evidence that the boat had sunk.

The Admiral line yesterday requested their agent in Guam to make every possible check but late last night had received nothing. Local radio stations have attempted to get in touch with the station at Guam, but owing to the typhoon sweeping over the island of Yap and Guam during the past two days, they have so far been unsuccessful.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here at 3 p.m. on Feb. 24, and will berth at Kowloon Wharf, Pier No. 5.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe yesterday, at 10.30 a.m., left that port to-day, at 10 a.m., and is due at Yokohama tomorrow at 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Wosung on Feb. 23, 3.30 p.m., left that port yesterday, at 1 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong tomorrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Gambhira" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 13, p.m., and is due here on Feb. 26, at about 7 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on March 2.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
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MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 1st of March.

HAWAII MARU Friday, 1st April.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

HEINAN MARU (Calls at Penang) Thursday, 24th February.

SHINNOH MARU Sunday, 6th March.

(Proceeds to Karachi).

SHUNGO MARU Saturday, 19th March.

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PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.

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DELTA	9,097	23rd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'dam
MALWA	9,041	30th April	Marseilles & London
NELLORE	6,452	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'dam
KHIVA	9,135	18th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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KHYBER	9,114	17th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,010	12th March	Kobe
DEVANHA	8,156	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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DELTA	9,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	15th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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London, Feb. 4.

At the Appeal Court, Washington, in the hearing of a case in which former shareholders of the Ford Motor Company were sued for income tax arrears amounting to \$1,250,000, Mr. Hawkins, an accountant, who was formerly the Sales Manager for Mr. Henry Ford, declared in evidence that Mr. Ford was easily a dollar billionaire.



HENRY FORD

He was worth at least 1,500,000,000 dollars, or \$300,000,000, said witness, apart from shares held in mines, railroads and the British Company, which altogether probably make him worth \$400,000,000.

Mr. Hawkins further stated that Mr. Ford had \$80,000,000 in cash in the Banks.

Other evidence confirmed that Mr. Ford is the richest man in the world.

CHANGSHA TROUBLE

THE CHINESE WAY WITH
STRIKERS.

Caustic comment has been heard from some of the commercial folk who are in Shanghai at the present time, having had their business enterprise completely overthrown by the Red authorities in the fighting area, says the "North China Daily News." Among such comment can be placed that description of affairs in Changsha where a strike of all clerks in the big silk shops was staged with more or less success. Having presented a set of demands the clerks found their activities somewhat curtailed through lack of employment despite their wholehearted belief in their Union. So they betook themselves to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, demanding that either the merchants should give in to them or that they themselves should be permitted to run the shops according to their own lights. The Chamber of Commerce was reported to have gone into temporary retirement, but came to life again soon after, apparently, as six of the clerks were beheaded. The point in question, made by the foreign business man from Changsha, was that the disorder in that particular direction was instantly checked. Had the disorder been directed against foreigners as it was in almost parallel cases, the authorities would have upheld the Union until the last brick-bat had been fired. This is a little obvious travesty on fair play in legitimate trade circles.

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RASH JUMP OFF TRAM.

Two Chinese women were injured in the head yesterday, one through the rather common cause of jumping off a moving tram but the other was bowled over by an Indian Army Service Corps mule cart.

For some unknown reason the mule shied, causing the cart to swerve and the woman was knocked over by coming in contact with one of the wheels. This occurred in Queen's Road Central. The other woman alighted yesterday afternoon from tram No. 75 in Des Vaux Road Central and a pool of blood collected where her head struck the road.

Both women were removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

THE CANDIDATES' EXPENSES

in the Chelmsford Division by-election have been officially published as follows:—Lieutenant-Colonel C. K. Howard-Bury, the successful Conservative candidate, who polled 13,395 votes, £1,263; Mr. S. W. Robinson (Liberal), 8,435 votes £1,146; and Major N. H. Moller, 6,140 votes, £750.

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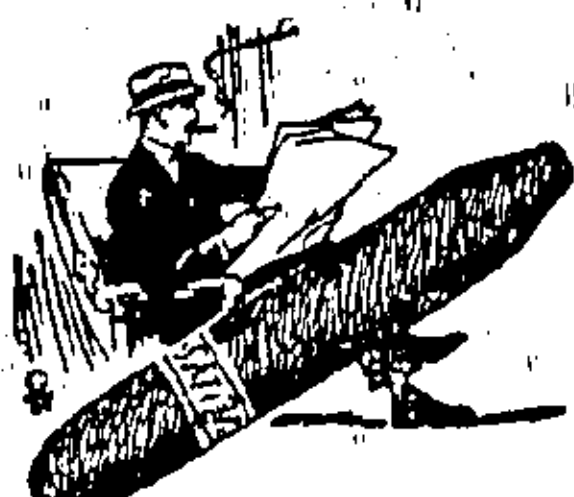
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1927.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

That heading emphasises the possessive. It is as well that it should. We have taken a pride in "our" Volunteers, as has the community in general. But, there are numerous young men who likewise talk of "our" Volunteers although they themselves are not—as they ought to be—members of the Corps. There must be a substantial reason for the strength of the Corps being 29 under what it was at this time last year. A special campaign to enroll new members was believed to be under consideration last year when His Excellency the Governor met the heads of the various firms in private conference. The outcome has not been divulged, but if it can only be reflected by a decrease instead of an increase in the membership, there must still exist weak points that require tightening up.

In view of the possibility—hinted at by the G.O.C., South China Command, at the annual inspection of the Corps yesterday evening—of the defence of the Island being handed over to the Volunteers, it is to be trusted that a "combing out" process will be inaugurated with a view to impressing on every eligible young man the benefits to himself and to the community of joining the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. If they are to continue to be described as "our" Volunteers there must be an end of apathy. There must be stimulation given to the organisation. Membership must be made as attractive as possible after due consideration is given to the purely military aspect of the Corps. If

there exist any factors that stand in the way of every young man joining, these must be carefully examined by those responsible for the maintenance of the Corps. If the individual is at fault then the Colony is not so big and British subjects not so scattered as to make it impossible to reach every potential recruit personally.

In times of crisis or even of minor difficulties it is to the Volunteer movement that we naturally look to supplement or sometimes substitute the regular Forces of the Crown. The splendid work of the Volunteers during the war and also during the strike and boycott of 1925-26 will never be forgotten. Equally splendid work still can be done on behalf of the community if the need arises. "A volunteer," says an old axiom, "is worth ten pressed men." A man who becomes a Volunteer because he feels it his duty to share in the defence of his own Colony is an asset that cannot be appraised too highly. True, the opportunity for actual defensive measures may never arise, but preparedness is a virtue the moral effect of which is immeasurably greater in the case of a Colony which numbers so many Orientals. For these and many other obvious reasons we look forward to a bright future for "our" Volunteers.

The Wonders of the Age.
The story of the medical advice given the chief steward of the freighter "Navua" by the doctor on the mail steamer "Orvieta," when the tramp was over 250 miles from the passenger ship, is a striking commentary on the wonders of this age. Well within the memory of almost everyone are the days when a vessel put to sea equipped as thoroughly as possible for a voyage of indeterminate length, because of the vagaries of the motive power, whether it be sail or steam. In those days, once land was left astern, the vessel was isolated, and emergencies had to be met by such rough treatment as was possible in the self-contained floating world. How different things are in this era of dependable transport and constant communication! The master of the "Navua" found a ready reply to his inquiries for the method to treat his sick chief steward from a source that, although 250 miles distant, was as easy of access as if the vessel had been steaming bow to bow, and though the distances between the two vessels increased, the medical knowledge of the doctor on board the mail steamer was still available to the lonely tramp steamer in mid-Indian Ocean.

CORRESPONDENCE.**RECITAL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SERVICES.****LOCAL Y.M.C.A. CAMPAIGN.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—In connection with the Y.M.C.A. campaign for raising funds on behalf of the Services in Hong Kong, an interesting event is taking place next week which, apart from its charitable purpose, merits the attention of the public.

Miss Nora Moon, the distinguished English soprano, who is here on a short holiday from Shanghai, is giving a recital at the Helena May Institute on March 3 at 5.30 p.m., the entire proceeds of which will be devoted to the Y.M.C.A. Services Fund. Miss Nora Moon won the King's Scholarship and the Courtney Scholarship at the Royal College of Music, where she became the favourite protegee of Sir Charles Stanford and also studied under eminent musicians like Parry, Bridge and Parrott. She made her debut at an early age and on her first appearance in London received unanimous acclamation at the hands of the critics, not only as a singer but as an artist of great promise and versatility. Numerous press cuttings from such papers as the "Standard," "Telegraph," "Referee," "Musical Standard," etc., tell of the enthusiasm with which she was received, whether in operatic arias, oratorio, German lieder or English songs.

After appearances in leading roles with the British National Opera Co., she accepted an engagement to sing arias at the Moss-Stoll Empires throughout Great Britain, during the War, and though, as she says, she was frankly scared to follow a red-nosed comedian, who warbled "Why did the sausage bark at father," with some of the greatest arias written, she had an outstanding success and brought the audience at the London Coliseum to its feet.

By a lucky chance, Miss Nora Moon is for the moment in Hong Kong. It is for music-lovers to seize the opportunity of hearing her. They will also be enabled to hear a talented violinist, Miss Vera Godson, who is also making only a short stay here and will appear twice on the programme at the recital.

The \$2 tickets, which are limited to 200, are obtainable at the Helena May Institute.—Yours, etc.,

A. M. BOWES-SMITH.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22.

THEFTS AT A.P.C.**YOUNG CHINESE CLERK COMMITTED.**

On a series of charges in connection with thefts at the A.P.C. building, a young Chinese filing clerk formerly employed by the firm was yesterday committed by Major C. Willson to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Prior to yesterday's hearing, defendant had pleaded guilty to charges, which included the following:—

Theft of an automatic pistol and ammunition, silver, cigarette case, silver cigar cutter, cheques, etc., belonging variously to Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, Mr. W. A. Butterfield and Miss D. L. Gatty.

Forging a cheque for \$500 (to "Mr. Brown") in the name of Mr. Butterfield.

Forging a cheque for \$50 (to "Dr. Brown or bearer") in the name of Miss Gatty.

Forging a reference (of employment) for himself, from the A.P.C., purported to be signed by Mr. Butterfield, with intent to defraud.

ROBBERS SENTENCED**FIVE YEARS FOR SAFE RIFLERS.**

The man arrested as the result of the action of a folk who returned, after being sent out on a false errand, and disturbed three men who had bound the accountant of the Yee On Company (Des Voeux Road, West) and were rifling the safe, was found guilty at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, and sentenced by Mr. Justice Wood (Acting Chief Justice) to five years' hard labour.

Man Without Boots.
The man who couldn't get up (because he had left his boots on the scene of the robbery) was found guilty at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, together with one other, of having participated in an attack and robbery of a tea-house waitress in Kowloon.

Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl sentenced prisoners to two years' hard labour and twelve strokes of the cat.

EUGENE CH'EN.**The Man in Charge At Hankow.****"A GIFT OF SILENCE."**

Mr. Eugene Ch'en, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, who is now practically in charge of affairs and is conferring with Sir Miles Lampson, is not exactly unknown in London. (Observer). This remarkable man came here first in 1912 or 1913, and came to my colleague and myself at our office, in Norfolk-street, Strand, with a sort of introduction from the late Sir Robert Bredon, then living on his pension from the Chinese Customs at Peking.

I remember well the first impression he made upon me. "It was one of the most extreme tidiness. Something below middle height, very clean-shaven, hair black as night and carefully smoothed down and without a vestige of parting, quiet, even somber, dressed and with a voice that was clearly itself and yet always used sotto voce, he made his atmosphere at our first meeting. And it was a permanent atmosphere and impression, for though, during the subsequent three months we saw him often, almost daily, yet we learned little more about his personality or his affairs than we gleaned on the first morning.

He had, even for a Chinese, a most marvellous gift of silence—a silence which invited confidence. He told us practically nothing. We all know that silence is a golden gift; that the silent vacuity of the owl can easily be mistaken for the inscrutability of intelligence; but the quietude of Eugene Ch'en was different. With all his inscrutability he had an air of honest candour and assured intelligence possessed by no other diplomat I have met. He seemed to bare his soul, when he said nothing of himself or his mission.

An Embarrassed Legation.

We gathered, scarcely knowing it, that he would like to meet important people in London, and we agreed, unknowing why we did so, that we would help him. That he was a friend of Sir Robert Bredon we knew; that he was acquainted with "Putnam Weale" (Simpson), the "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent in Peking in 1913, and with Jordan, Backhouse, Bland, and others, seemed pretty obvious from his chatter, but somehow you liked him, and could not worry. That, even in those days, he was a person of much importance, was obvious. At a time like then, when the Chinese Legation was rather worried—the staff were receiving no money from Peking, and were refusing invitations to receptions because they had no gloves to wear and no money with which to buy them—he would give instructions to the Legation by phone, to send what he required to any destination, he named and, in short, generally treat the staff there in every manner as his subordinates who were bound to carry out his instructions. In effect, you knew he was an influence, though still a young man. (He did not appear, in 1913, to be much over thirty).

While he was here he met Vickers, the armament people, and many of the big financial people, all of whom showed him the greatest deference. We never knew whether he ever arranged any business with any of the important houses he met, and, personally, I never expected to know. Eugene Ch'en asked (Sir Miles Lampson can remember this) quietly for all; got much and gave nothing.

An Intense Nationalist.

He quoted once or twice with gusto a remark attributed originally, I believe, to Mr. E. Moore, the old merchant traveller, through India, China, and the East generally, "The Chinese word is as good as the Japanese word." And used to add, with emphasis, "Only an Englishman could have had the understanding to say that."

He came again to London in 1915, doubtless watching and searching to see how England was shaping in the crisis. He stayed then, as before, in Malda Vale, but I met him only twice on this visit. And, vaguely, he let me understand that he believed England would be victorious. (Like many Easterners, he never spoke of Great Britain or the Empire, but always England), and that he thought it should be so, as England had the highest ideals, and was the most honest nation. And then he vanished again into the melting-pot of China, to reappear again in Hankow.

Speaks Little Chinese.

Sir Robert Bredon's contribution on the enigma was curious and informative. Sir Robert reached London in the spring of 1914 (returning to China, or rather Japan, via the States, in the middle of the same August), and he told me that Ch'en was a most remarkably able man; that he had lived largely in our West Indies and the United States, and had been educated in both places—facts which, accounted, if only in part, for his marvellous command of English, which was too good even for a Boston man, and also beyond the English of any Briton I have ever met in its meticulous exactitude of application and fitness of expression; and that he used, during the political emergencies even then occurring, in China, to write leading articles in the "Peking Daily News" setting out the views of the reformers. And this is a curious point: Sir Robert added that though Ch'en is one of the most ardent Nationalists in China, he can hardly speak a word of Chinese. English is the only language he knows properly.

Knowing the English of Eugene Ch'en, I can believe this; for surely no man could know two languages

TYPHOID FEARS.**"GROUNDLESS" SAYS OUR M.O.H.****SANITARY BOARD MEETING.**

The putting of Mr. J. P. Braga's questions regarding the incidence of typhoid locally and their answer by the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. W. Pope) constituted the only business of public importance at the Sanitary Board yesterday.

Mr. Braga asked:—

1.—With reference to the fatal European (British) case of typhoid, reported in the local newspapers of Feb. 14, and to other cases (also European), now happily convalescing, and in order to allay public apprehension, will the Medical Officer of Health please state whether, in his opinion, these cases, which have occurred among the European residents of Kowloon, may take the form of an incipient epidemic of this malignant disease?

The M.O.H. replied:—

"After careful inquiry into all recent cases I have not found any evidence to justify the apprehension that typhoid has assumed or is likely to assume epidemic proportions at present."

Other questions asked by Mr. Braga were as follows:—

2.—Has the source of infection in the cases mentioned in (1) been traced and, if so, what is it? If not, will the Medical Officer of Health be so kind as to explain, what, in his opinion, led to the disease being contracted, by the patient who unfortunately succumbed to the disease?

The M.O.H. replied: The actual source of infection has not been traced in these cases. In the absence of definite knowledge as to the source I am unable to express an opinion as to the probable cause of the infection. This applies also to the fatal case who, I might add, lived in an institution from which no other cases have been reported.

Kowloon Market Gardens.

Mr. Braga asked:—

3.—Owing to the recurrence of typhoid cases, and so as to avert the danger of the dreaded disease spreading in an epidemic form, will the President cause instructions to be issued for the periodic and more frequent visits of Chinese market gardens in the outskirts of Old Kowloon by officers of the Sanitary Department with the object of (a) better supervision being exercised over the supply of vegetables and other market produce cultivated with manure derived from human and animal sources; and (b) controlling the use of offensive matter for manurial purposes so as to reduce to a minimum the danger of disseminating communicable diseases in the event of an outbreak thereof?

The President, Mr. N. L. Smith, replied: Chinese market gardens in New Kowloon are not at present inspected by the staff of the Sanitary Department. If the inspection now suggested is to have any practical results it will, I think, be necessary as a first step for the Board by resolution to reverse its ruling that the Scavenging and Conservancy by-laws are not to be enforced in outlying areas.

Mr. Braga asked:—

4.—In the hypothetical, though not improbable, case of the discharge of a typhoid patient finding their way into the cesspool in Kowloon Tong (referred to in my questions on January 25 last) and the liquid manure sprayed over the vegetables in cultivation in the district, will the Medical Officer of Health please inform the Board whether such a source of infection would not be a real menace to the health of the residents of Kowloon Tong?

The Medical Officer of Health replied: Under the circumstances postulated in this question any one who ate the uncooked vegetables in question would run a risk of infection and that risk would be the same whether or not such a person lived at Kowloon Tong.

as well as he knew one, so it is certain that Sir Miles Lampson should find little difficulty in conversations with the dapper Cantonese Foreign Minister. And it is equally certain that Eugene Ch'en, with his curiously exact, quiet, and orderly mind, can have nothing at all in common with Bolsheviks as they are usually painted. He will, therefore, as he would anyone else, as a counter to our people, with whom I am convinced, this Sphinx of China desires to compromise, if he can, and whose co-operation he will value, if he can force a position to take it, above anything else.

For, though he was so silent when here, he at least let me know, during his sojourn with us, that above all, he was certain that China could and would stand as a nation by herself, and that the only country he thought worthy of being her colleague was England.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Impressive Scenes At Inspection.

GENERAL'S TRIBUTE.

With "over four" hundred on parade, the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps marched from Headquarters to Murray parade ground yesterday evening for inspection by H.E. the Officer Commanding the troops in China, Major-General C. C. Luard, C.M.G.

Lining the banks and in the assembly in the pavilion on the parade ground were friends and the generally interested public. The Corps was drawn up in Companies, the Artillery, M.I.s, and Armoured Car Companies being at the Northern end, the Scottish and Reserves at the Southern, the Infantry and Engineers at the Eastern with the Saluting Base at the western.

A Smart Movement.

The Corps was called to attention as H.E. the General entered the parade ground and the Royal Salute was given when the Saluting Base was reached. This was a smartly executed movement, the rifles coming down almost as one. At the same time, the pipe band of the K.O.S.B. played the Salute.

General Luard, in the course of his inspection, was accompanied, in addition to his A.D.C. and staff officers, by the respective Company and Platoon Officers, exchanging a few words with each. The march past, which followed, was most impressive, particularly at the Saluting Point where Company after Company swung past, nothing being heard but the skirl of the pibroch and the drums, the steady tramp of the marchers and the orders for acknowledgment when the actual point was reached by the leading files.

General's Address.

With the Corps drawn up in close order, General Luard addressed officers and men as follows:—

Colonel Bird and all ranks of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force:—

It is just two years since I first inspected you and, although I have not seen as much of you as I would like to have done, I want to assure you that I have always taken and will always take the greatest interest in the Corps.

No one who has the welfare of the Colony at heart can help having the greatest admiration for all of you who are prepared to voluntarily give up so much time and take so much trouble to make yourselves efficient.

I congratulate you on your appearance and turn out on parade this evening. Your movements were well carried out and I would particularly note the very great improvement noticeable in the salute and handling of the sword by the officers.

You have in the past month assisted the Government considerably with your route marches and have earned the thanks of H.E. the Governor. In that connection I would urge that, although I know how busy you are, everyone who could possibly get away should turn up as to have it in strength is of course important.

Annual Camps.

Camps were well attended, on the whole some 211 members attending. During the coming training season there will be 4 camps instead of 6, which we hope may lead to more concentration and better training. It must be remembered that it is our only real chance of the year to knit units together and increase the team spirit.

Last summer under Major Roberts much use was made of the Sand Table; much keenness was shown and interesting problems worked out. It is hoped to be able to continue it this year. It is an excellent method of exercising the mind in the larger problems of war, and the essential co-operation between all arms, which is so essential in the Field.

I am somewhat disappointed to find that there are only 20 Marksmen at Musketry this year. I hope we shall find many more next year.

Your strength has gone down somewhat (29) from various reasons the chief of which is that so many members have left the Colony and sufficient new hands have not come forward. However, I feel confident that the recent letter addressed to firms on the subject will have good results and the wastage more than made good.

A Portuguese Company is also being raised and recruits are coming in fast which is satisfactory.

Officers have been selected to form an A. S. C. unit which will,

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

A TEMPORARY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

FINDING OTHER PREMISES.

The Diocesan Boys' School can claim to be the oldest institution of its kind connected with the Church of England in the Far East: an institution at which Chinese girls were first educated in 1869. Chinese boys from some date prior to 1867 and Eurasian boys and girls from 1868-69 when it was decided "to extend the benefits of the education given in the Chinese School to a few cases of both sexes of Eurasians from all parts of China and Japan, so far did the Diocese of Victoria then extend."

In the early days, that is from 1860 to 1867, the Chinese did not then want European education for their sons, much less for their daughters. Thus in addition to being a school, it became an Orphanage for Eurasians and a school for Europeans and other nationalities at a time when there were no other regular Church of England schools for Chinese and no British schools for British and other children.

First 25 Entries.

There have been Chinese masters on the Staff of the Diocesan School since 1832. In 1867 Bishop Alford was asked by the Committee to reorganise the School.

In 1869 a Chinese gave a bell to the School, three quarters of which remains to-day; the lower part of the bell was cracked and thereafter cut away, so that it could still be used as a bell.

The registers of the School are complete from 1874 and a few entries date to 1870, when a Chinese girl was rescued from a pirate's junk; there are several such cases of English and Eurasians being rescued from slavery.

Of the first twenty-five entries in the School Register twenty Chinese and Eurasians came from Amoy, Shanghai, Formosa, Hankow, Ningpo and Swatow and five from Hong Kong.

No More Girls.

The Headmasters' Annual Reports are complete from 1878 to date and the Minutes of the Committee meetings from 1863 to date. There are also odd reports etc. dating back to 1860 and to 1863 when we are told the lady principal nearly shot a friend who stopped her in the dusk.

Bonham Road was then notorious for its robbers. The Old School was situated on Bonham Road just above the Government Civil Hospital. In 1870 it was decided to admit no more Chinese or Eurasian girls; this really came into effect in 1870 when Fairley Girls' School and the Diocesan Girls' School were started.

Since 1880 there have been in the School more Chinese Day Scholars than other nationalities. Early History.

In 1883 the general object of the School was stated to be to provide a Home and Christian Education for the children and orphans of European, Chinese and Eurasian parentage. There were then fifty children from almost every part of China.

In 1883 Sun Yat-sen was a Day Boy for a few months. In 1884 two Chinese boys went from the School to the Chinese Viceroy Li Hung-chang's Medical School at Tientsin; one of the two was appointed as Doctor to the first Chinese Naval Hospital at Port Arthur.

In 1887 the Cambridge Local Examinations were introduced in Hong Kong. The Diocesan Boys' School gained the highest place this year.

In 1888 the Church Missionary Society started a Boarding House for Chinese Girls called "Priory Lodge" and the girls attended the Diocesan School as Day Scholars.

In 1888 at the first year's examination at the Hong Kong College of Medicine two boys from the School came out 1st and 2nd.

Later Expansion.

Since 1892 there have been more Chinese Boarders and Day Boys than other boys in the school.

we hope, develop into a useful Supply Unit in the event of mobilization.

Defence Of Island.

The "Kirkpatrick Cup" scheme this year has been worked out on the assumption that the present Infantry companies have been armed with Machine Gun—40 in number. The object is to consider the possibility of handing over the Local Defence of the island mainly to the Volunteers by increasing their fire power 100 per cent. It will be interesting to get criticisms on the scheme when worked out in detail.

You have now got in Major Wolfe Murray a whole time Regular Adjutant of experience. He has told me that he is very much struck by the wonderful keenness shown by all ranks. This is most satisfactory and I am confident that with his assistance and your co-operation we may look forward to even greater strides in efficiency this year.

On the conclusion of the G.O.C.'s speech, the parade once again marched past and left the parade ground by the northern gate, returning to headquarters.

In 1906 there was an Imperial Edict in which the Government of China encouraged Western Education. To the great credit of the school it should be noted that before that date there were as many as 130 Chinese being educated in the School. At the same time there were 10 Eurasians and 51 Eurasians at Reduced Fees in the Orphanage; there were also 66 other boys.

In 1924-1925, under normal conditions, there were about 330 Chinese boys and 120 Eurasians. There have been as many as 465 on the School Register in one year.

During the last 8 years the total number of boys in the School has increased 30 per cent, and the number in the Orphanage, that is Free or at Reduced Fees, has increased 50 per cent.

Distinguished "Old" Boys.

As many as 13 different nationalities were represented in the school in 1921 and there have been during the last 3 years Chinese boys from all parts of the world—England, America, South America, Australia, India, Japan, South Africa, Holland, Germany, and France and from almost every Province in China.

The first Chinese to take a Medical Degree at the Hong Kong University in 1914 was an Old Boy. An Old Boy built the Tunnel on the Kowloon-Canton Railway—Mr. F. Southey.

Old Boys have served on the Legislative Council.—The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D. is an Old Boy.

A very large number of the boys go to the Hong Kong University and some to England and America. Dr. Arthur Woo, the first Chinese Vice-President of the Far Eastern Medical Council, is an Old Boy.

Facts About The School.

From 1919 to 1924 the Diocesan Boys' School won nearly half the Scholarships offered for boys by the Hong Kong University.

There is normally a Staff of about 18 to 25. There are four Old Boys on the Staff of the School now.

In Games and Work the School is divided into four Houses: Cricket, Football/Tennis, Physical Drill and Gymnastics are encouraged.

With regard to the Spiritual side of the work Scripture, the Catechism and Religion are taught in

all classes as subjects. Attendance at Church is voluntary, except on certain rare occasions. There are Classes for Baptism and Confirmation.

One of the Old Boys is Vice President of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Manila, and many other old scholars have taken prominent parts in Church work.

The New School at Kowloon.

In 1917-1918 definite steps were taken with a view to building a new school. Eventually the Government of Hong Kong gave a site of 2½ acres of land at Kowloon in a triangle of land situated between Kowloon Tong, Ho Mun Tin and Yau-mai Railway Station.

The old site on Bonham Road was sold, over \$100,000.00 were raised by public subscriptions given by people in Hong Kong and in many places out of the Colony. For example Chinese in Kobe, Formosa, Amoy, Swatow and Manila have given donations to the Scheme.

The site formation was begun in March 1924 and the buildings in August 1924. When the Strike-Boycott happened in June 1925 the Committee of the School had to omit the top or third storey and the tower of the building; this was decided largely because of a stoppage in the campaign for subscriptions and donations, and the difficulty through the shortage of workmen of finishing the building in contract time, at the end of which the School was due to deliver the old site to the buyer.

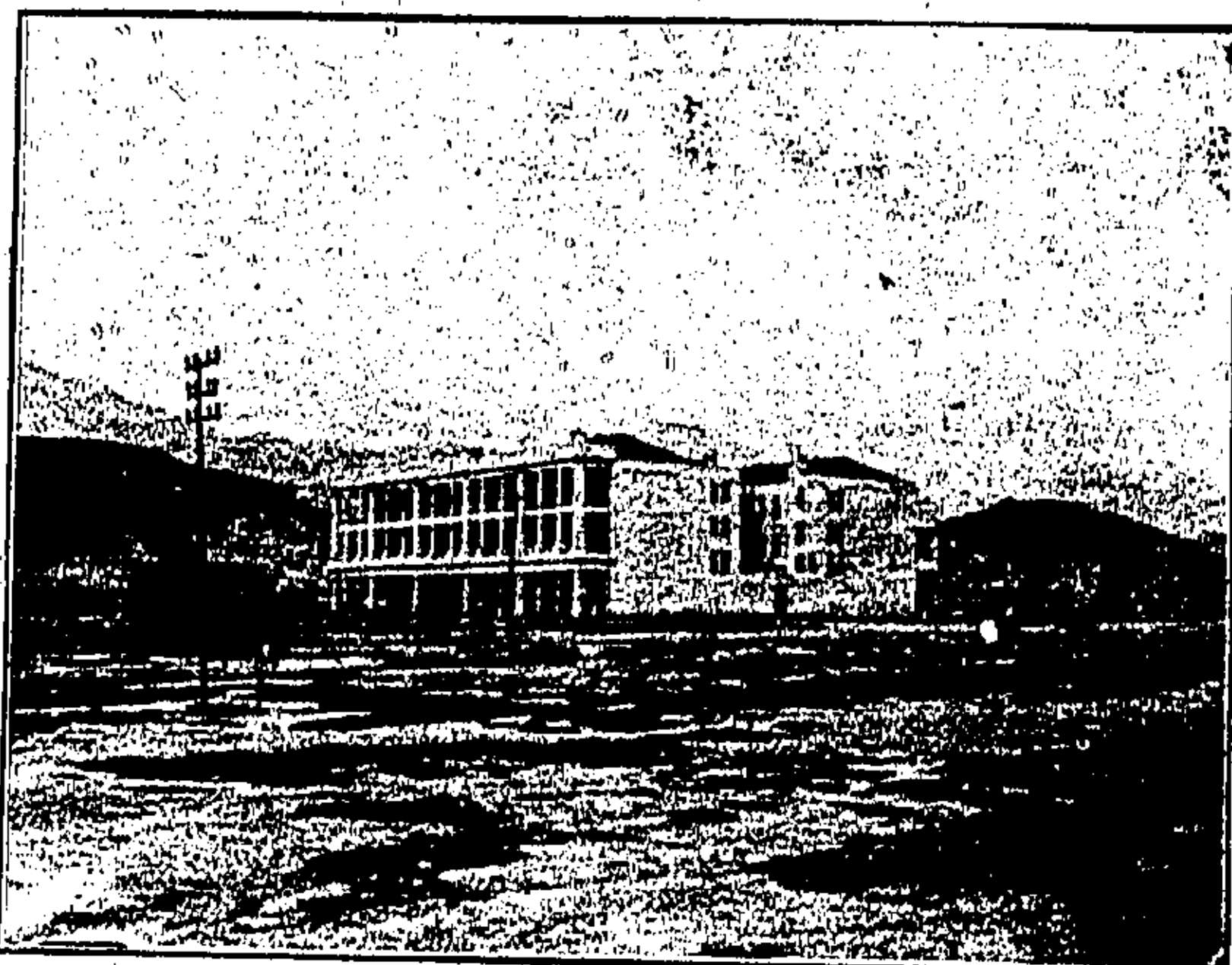
In February 1926 the School moved into its new premises, which have to date cost about \$670,000.00. During the past year the numbers in the School have been from about 290 to 327.

For the Present.

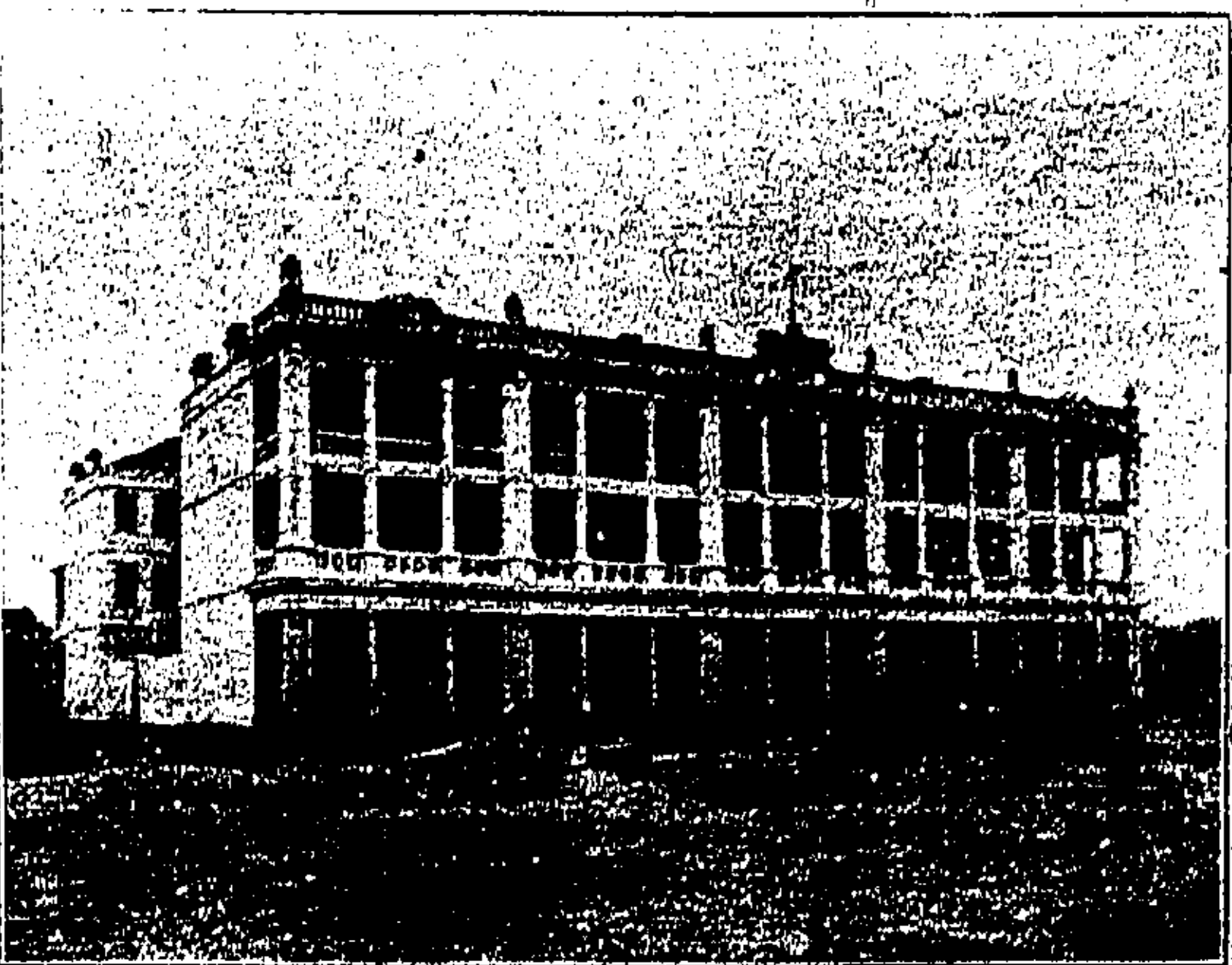
In February 1927 the Military Authorities approached the Committee of the School with a view to taking over the School and Grounds temporarily for a Hospital. Arrangements for this have been made and from March 1 until further notice is given the School will carry on its work, temporarily, in ten houses which the Committee have taken on Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The matter has been very carefully considered by the School Committee, and by the Military Authorities.

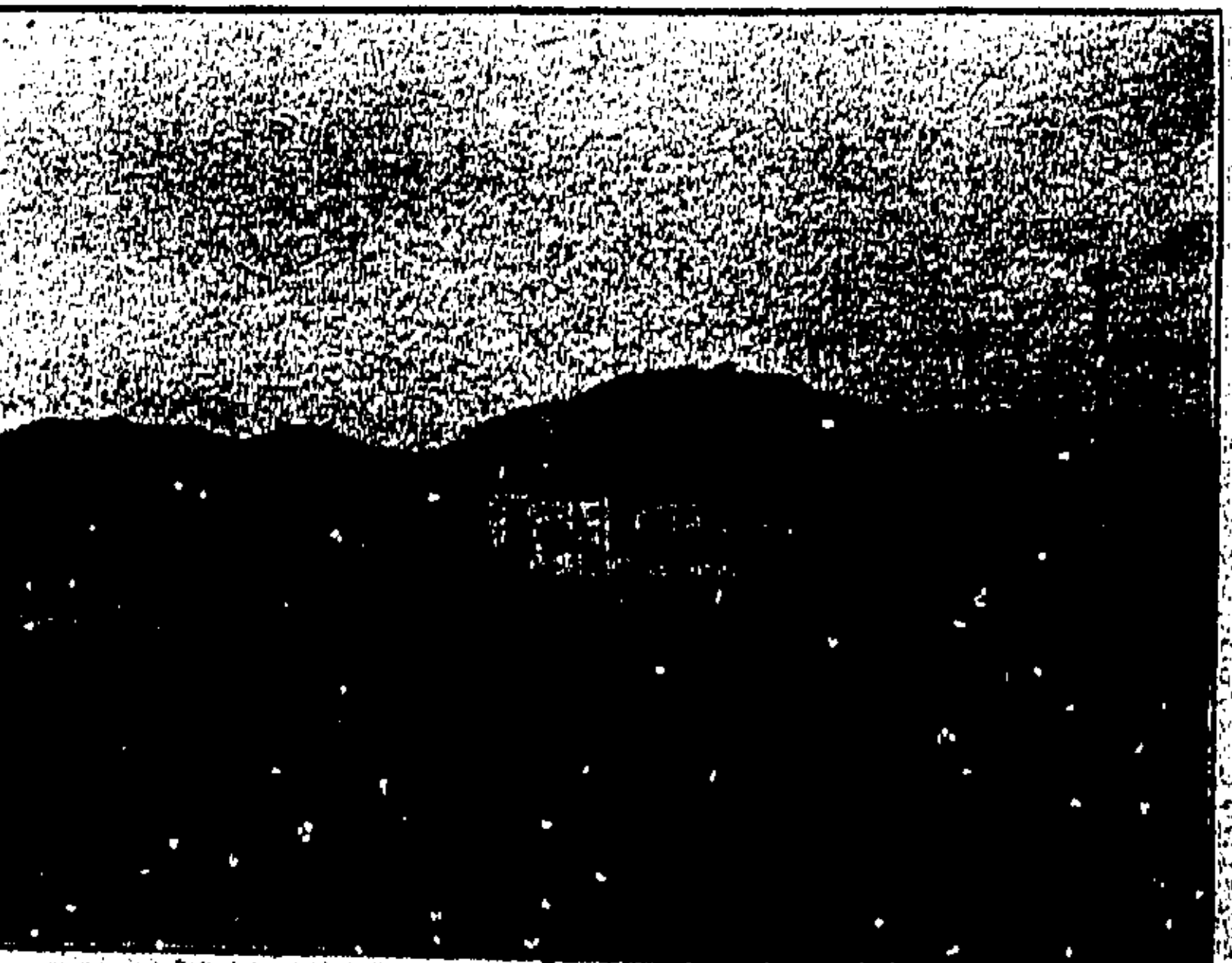
"TEMPORARY" DIOCESAN SCHOOL.



The above photograph shows the two blocks of five houses in each block which the Diocesan Boys' School have taken temporarily for a School at the junction of Nathan Road and Prince Edward Avenue.



The above five Houses will be used to accommodate Boarders. On the top storey will be the Resident Staff, middle storey is all Dormitories and the Ground Floor is for Dining Rooms, Masters' Mess, etc.



Another view of the "temporary" school, as seen from a distance.

The School has rented temporarily ten large three storeyed houses at the end of Nathan Road, Kowloon. Five of the houses will be used for the Boarders and the Resident Staff and five for the School. In each house there are three large rooms and three smaller rooms opening into each other. Government Water is being laid on and in addition the Flush System is installed on each floor of all the ten houses. The Houses were built in 1926-1926 for European occupation and stand in the centre of a large area of land on which the Military Authorities have agreed to fence in a Recreation Ground and to form two tennis courts. The Military Authorities have also agreed to meet any reasonable expenditure to make the houses as suitable as possible under the circumstances for educational purposes. No other houses adjoin these ten houses nor are there any houses near to them. Next term begins on Tuesday March 1. New boys should attend on Monday, February 23, at 9 a.m.

Great Debt of Thanks.

What the School loses the Military Authorities gain. For the purposes of a Hospital there is no better site nor more easily adaptable building in the Colony than the Diocesan Boys' School. The large Hall 100 by 60 feet, the Covered Playground, 100 by 10 feet, the Dormitories, 84 by 22 feet, the Dining Room 66 by 32 feet, the large store and Locker Rooms, the general style of the building and the extensive grounds will be of exceptional value for the purposes which the Military Authorities have in view. A great debt of thanks, and we hope, something more, will be due to the School. An expression of thankfulness and at the same time a word of sympathy is due to the Committee, the Headmaster and the donors to the Scheme for the New School, who so fearlessly and admirably planned such a fine modern building on a site which was described by the Bishop of London as, from the point of view of the work of a school, one of the finest sites he had seen in the world. It is hoped that the occupation of the School by the Military Authorities will only be for a few months. In view of the troubles in the neighbouring country the School expected to be very full this year. Parents and Guardians can be assured that the Committee and the Headmaster will make the best arrangement possible for carrying on the school. It is fortunate that alternative premises have been found so near to the school, at a place which is reasonably accessible and where one block of five houses can be used as a Hostel for the Boarders, and the other block of five houses for the School.

It is understood that an Appeal for Funds was about to be made in England, in Hong Kong and in the Far East.

The School feels that it cannot make this appeal now. The money was wanted to pay off a large loan which it received recently to help it when, owing to local financial conditions during the past eighteen months, the buyer of the old site was not able to pay up the balance of the purchase money.

"THE MYSTIC"

EXCITING QUEEN'S THEATRE PICTURE.

Quite apart from its claim to deal with the question of Spiritualism, the feature film now showing at the Queen's Theatre, appropriately named "The Mystic" offers a rattling good story, full of incident, colour and excitement. The plot is woven round the attempt of a "master crook" to prey upon society through the agency of a beautiful Hungarian gipsy girl whom he has discovered performing "psychic feats" with a travelling show. How he sets up a salon in New York in order to "put her over in a big way" how the police take a hand in the game; how a Wall Street financier and his pretty ward become involved; how a whole series of strange events is capped by an entirely unexpected climax—these are the salient points in a thoroughly exciting and enjoyable picture which needs only a few vivid scenes, like the first scene, and the dramatic escape of the "master crook" to make a deep impression on the mind.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The New South Wales Government has introduced a Bill under which motor-car owners must insure passengers' lives and also insure against people being knocked down and injured.

When a police constable went to seize a stray and unmuzzled dog on the Peak yesterday, he was bitten in both hands by the animal. The Police description of the dog is a Japanese spaniel and it is now in quarantine at Kennedy Town.

Mr. Aubrey Morgan, aged 28, of Harlesden, N.W., a member of the London Fire Brigade for seven years, who has died in Willesden Hospital, was a member of the storming party which landed from H.M.S. "Vindictive" at Zeebrugge Mole in 1918.

For stealing wood from Murray Barracks compound yesterday a Chinese was this morning sentenced by Major C. Willson to ten days' hard labour. Defendant's excuse was that he bought the several blocks. This the contractor denied, maintaining that the wood had been cut into specific shape to be made into the "wooden box" for Chinese planes.

Says the "Singapore Free Press": It seems expedient to issue a warning to travellers not to purchase binoculars indiscriminately. A case has come to our notice of a gentleman paying a considerable sum of money to the member of the company of a ship voyaging between England and the East for a pair of binoculars alleged to be made by Zeiss. On examination by a competent optician in Singapore the glasses were found to be a fraudulent imitation worth only about a pound or two sterling.

An interesting ceremony was witnessed in the Civil District Court, Singapore, when a Government servant of forty-seven years' standing was presented with the Imperial Long Service Medal. The recipient was Babu bin Jai Mohamed, chief process server in the Civil District Court, who first joined the Government service in 1879, when he was seven years of age, and filled the humble but useful role of punkah puller in the Education Department. The presentation was made by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. Hayes Marriott), who was accompanied on the Bench by the Civil District Judge (Mr. H. G. Sarwar).

One case of enteric fever, British, was notified yesterday.

At No. 94, Nathan Road (Davis Building), ground floor, Kowloon, a quantity of household furniture will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammett Bros. at 10.45 a.m. on Saturday.



Dr. Harvey Wiley, famous as the father of the pure food law, who has done much to promote purity in foods has declared to President Coolidge in favour of continuing the process of denaturing industrial alcohol by the use of wood alcohol and other poisons.

The British India steamer "Mundra" arrived at Singapore on Feb. 14 with over a hundred monkeys on board, destined for Australia. The "Mundra" sailed from Calcutta, and the monkeys are presumably going to represent their species in Australian Zoological collections.

The Association of Past and Present Commercial Students of the Hong Kong University are holding their annual dinner in the Great Hall of the University on Saturday at 7.45 p.m.

Far Eastern travellers by the reinstated Trans-Siberian railway service will have to go without a bath for 12 days, there being no bath-car on the train as there was before the war.

The biography of Sir Patrick Manson, who has justly been called the father of tropical medicine, will appear this spring with Cassell. When he settled at Amoy, in China, in the seventies of the last century, tropical medicine had not come into being. His discoveries of the part played by the mosquito in diseases like malaria and yellow fever were heralds of the new school.

*** THEOSOPHY ***
"INVISIBLE HELPERS"

will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, (next to Hotel Metropole), on Thursday, February 24, at 6 p.m. The Public are cordially invited to attend. Lecturer: Mr. John Russell. Theosophical books for sale. Good Library. The Lodge is open for inquiries:—Mondays, Fridays & Saturdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., other days and Sundays before and after meetings, till 8 p.m.

The Press of the world is being invited to Cologne, the ancient city of culture on the Rhine, for an International Press Exhibition to be held in 1928, its objects being to give the world an impressive picture of the educational and economic importance of the Press in international life and to further the idea of international co-operation among its various sections. The Exhibition is divided into the following main departments: Daily Newspapers, Periodicals, Book Printing, Technical Installations and Auxiliary Equipment, the Unions of the Press, the German Press in Foreign Countries, the Press and Traffic, the Press and Art, the Press and Advertising, Newspaper Science, Paper and Photography and Kinematography. The historic exhibits will be so selected that they will show the development from earliest beginnings and primitive appliances up to the modern newspaper.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Capt. J. Mason, of the Penang Pilot Services, is leaving for home by the P. and O. "Kalyan" on February 27.

The late Mr. C. L. Gibson, of Ockley, Surrey, and Broadstairs, formerly of the Federated Malay States, gave £200 each to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the



Walter Stotzer, the well-known German explorer, who will soon start on an expedition to Tibet.

Seamen's Hospital Society (Dreadnought), the National Institution for the Blind, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The value of the estate is £37,240.

Finished only a few weeks before she disappeared, a novel by Mrs. Agatha Christie, entitled "The Big Four," is to be published shortly by Messrs. Collins. It is a tale of mystery, and the publishers received the manuscript only a few days before Mrs. Christie disappeared. It is understood that she had only just put the finishing touches to it. The book, it is believed, was written some time ago. It is understood that Mrs. Christie, owing to the state of her health, has not herself corrected the proofs of the book. Mrs. Christie is still at Abney Hall, Cheshire, where she is staying with her sister, Mrs. J. Watts. The latest report states that she continues to improve slowly.

Mr. C. B. Shank of the Hong Kong Excavation, Pile Driving & Construction Co., Ltd., was a passenger on the northbound "Shinyo Maru" yesterday.

Major-General and Mrs. R. W. Gowan sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the N.Y.K. "Shinyo Maru."

Mr. P. G. Norman, formerly adviser to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and who has recently been on a visit to Canton, left Hong Kong yesterday on the "Shinyo Maru," bound for Shanghai and San Francisco. Other passengers included the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Mowatt, the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Waters.

In the spring, Princess Mary, who is always an early riser, spends most of her time gardening (says the "Sunday Express"). Wearing a coarse linen apron with coloured borders, and a wide flap pocket in front to carry light tools, she weeds and works away. Often she makes light pencilled sketches of the different flower beds as a memorandum to remind her of the flowers to order, and her books on gardening have their own special corner.

Mr. R. F. Smyth, who has been connected with the Siamese railways as an engineer since 1898, has gone home on retirement. Mr. Smyth is one of three brothers all associated with the State Railways. Mr. James Smyth retired some years ago and is living at home, and the only brother left in Siam is Mr. Gilbert Smyth, who is maintenance engineer at Lampang.

Debutantes of the near future who will shine socially are the Duchess of Devonshire's youngest daughter, Lady Anne Cavendish, who is 18 in August, and has been at a fashionable Paris "finishing" school with her cousin, Miss Mary Mercer-Naima (Lady Violet Astor's girl and a debutante of next year); Lady Mary Graham, the Duke and Duchess of Montrose's elder girl; and Lady Rose McDonnell, Lord and Lady Antrim's eldest child (observes the "Star"). Another important debutante is Miss Evelyn Baird, the daughter of Mr. W. and Lady Hersey Baird, of Lennoxloven, and grand-daughter of the Dowager Lady Conyngham. Miss Jean Faudel-Phillips, the eldest of the family of Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Faudel-Phillips, is another comer-out of interest. Miss Faudel-Phillips is a member of two well-known families—men—the late Sir George Faudel-Phillips, City merchant and Lord Mayor in 1897, and the late Lord Granville Gordon, Lord Huntly's brother and heir-presumptive.

The Hon. Mr. Justice A. V. Brown, Judge, Johore, has been granted leave of absence for three months before retirement.

The Rev. Kenneth Nigel MacKenzie, elder son of the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, was married on Jan. 12, in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to Miss Alice Alexandra.



Sir Gen. Joseph W. G. Gifford, U.S.A., commanding the 15th Infantry troops in China.

Macdonald-Shaw, younger daughter of Mr. James T. Shaw, 4 Belford Place, Edinburgh. The wedding ceremony was performed by the father of the bridegroom.

Eden Phillpotts may now be ranked among the elect of contemporary playwrights, for he has three plays running in the West End (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). At the moment he is alone in this distinction, and few have attained it. I can only think of Barrie, Somerset Maugham and Noel Coward. Neither of the latter, however, can say with Phillpotts that he has never seen one of his successes performed. Phillpotts admits never having seen "The Farmer's Wife" and "Yellow Sands," if he has seen his latest play, "The Purple Bedroom" at the Coliseum, nobody but himself knows of the fact. For so typical a West Country man, it is difficult to realise that Phillpotts was born in India, but he came home in early childhood and went to Marnham School, Plymouth, where, I believe, he was a regular contributor to the school magazine.

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SPORTS SECTION

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH CUP, 3RD ROUND.

MATCH IN THE LEAGUE.

London, Feb. 22. Principal football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

SCOTTISH CUP.

3rd Round Reply.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

St. Mirren 2, Dundee 2. — Reuter.

ANOTHER TOUR.

TENNISON'S TEAM FOR JAMAICA.

UNOFFICIAL CRICKET.

London, Jan. 31. An unofficial cricket team consisting of the Hon. Lionel Tennison, skipper, J. Parker (Hampshire), P. G. H. Fender (vice-captain),



P. G. H. Fender the Surrey captain and all-rounder.

E. R. J. Holmes and H. Lock (Surrey), Rev. F. H. Gillingham, H. M. Morris and O'Connor (Essex), T. Arnott and Sullivan (Glamorgan-shire), Major Green and Ernest Tydesley (Lancashire), A. Hilder (Kent) sailed for Jamaica to-day. The team will probably play three unofficial tests.

Tennison has toured a good deal, notably in South Africa, where in 1924-5 his eleven won two and lost two unofficial Test games, but, financially, the trip represented a deficit of nearly £4,000. The Hampshire captain himself in 1925 had the fine batting figures of 1,335 runs and average 30.34, including a dashing 184 against Middlesex. On last season's wickets these figures fell to 700 runs and average of under 20; but there is still a lot of cricket in this fine sportsman. In 1921 he was captain of England against Australia.]

RECORD SWIM.

100 YARDS IN UNDER 50 SECS.?

CLAIM BY AN AMERICAN.

New York, Feb. 17. Charles A. Dean, Chairman of the Athletic Committee of the Illinois A. C., filed a claim with A. A. U. officials here for an American record on behalf of Johnny Weissmuller, who in Chicago was credited with having swum 100 yards in 49.4/5 seconds.

The feat, which was made in a 20-yard pool and is the fastest "century" ever covered by a swimmer in any type of pool, was timed by six individuals, according to Dean, three of whom "clocked" the noted swimmer in 49.4/5 seconds and the other three in 49.3/5.

The accepted record for 100 yards free style in a 20-yard pool is 51.2/5 seconds, held by Weissmuller and made on Jan. 8, 1925.

WORLD BOXING.

BRITISH CRUISER WEIGHT TITLE.

TOM BERRY'S VICTORY.

London, Jan. 31. The Londoner, Tom Berry, retained the title of British cruiser weight boxing champion, beating the Belfast boxer, Dave Macgill, on points in a twenty-round contest at Manchester to-night.

World's Bantam Title.

New York, Feb. 4.

Rosenberg forfeited his claims to the bantam-weight boxing championship of the world when he weighed in for the title match with Bushy Graham.

Rosenberg weighed 122½ pounds, 4½ pounds over the limit.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

THE PRINCIPAL GAMES.

London, Feb. 5. The following are the results of rugby matches played to-day:— Army 3, Blackheath 3 (at Woolwich). Bath 11, Royal Air Force 10. Birkenhead Park 6, Headingley 24. Bristol 11, Cambridge University 3. Coventry 20, Old Merchant Taylors 3. Devonport Service 4, St. Bart's Hospital 0. London Scottish 18, Leicester 6. Moseley 14, Manchester 3. Northampton 3, Harlequins 6. Old Blues 14, Old Edwardsians 17. Oxford University 5, Richmond 26.

United Services (Plymouth) 5, Gloucester 9. Stewartonians 9, Edinburgh Institute 6. Edinburgh Wanderers 3, Glasgow Academicals 3. Swansea 3, Maresfield 6. County Championship. In the county championship semi-finals Leicestershire beat Cheshire by 5 points to nil (at Leicester), and Kent beat Devonshire by 26 points to 1 (at Exeter).

ENGLISH "CAPS."

London, Feb. 6. The English rugby team to play against Ireland at Twickenham on February 12 will be as follows:— K. A. Sellar (Navy), H. C. Catchside (Percy Park), L. J. Corbett (Bristol), H. M. Locke (Birkenhead Park), J. C. Gibbs (Harlequins), H. C. C. Laird (Harlequins), A. T. Young (Army), J. S. Tucker (Bristol), K. J. Stark (Old Alleynians), W. C. T. Eyres (Navy), R. Cove Smith (Old Merchant Taylors), P. H. Davies (Sale), D. E. Shaw (Birkenhead Park), E. Stanbury (Plymouth Albion), H. C. Periton (Waterloo).

Corbett will captain the side.

JOINED "NORTHERN."

London, Jan. 31. Dan Pascoe, captain of Nenth Club, the old Welsh international forward, has signed on for Leeds, the Northern Union Club. He received £600.

J. D. Bartlett, the Cambridge wing three-quarter, took the place of Andrews on the right wing—the Newport player being down with influenza, in Wales' match against Scotland.

FANLING GOLF.

There were 41 entries for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club bogey pool at Fanling last week-end.

A. B. Raworth and Capt. H. F. Eloxham tie with scores of 1 down each.

A. E. Wood and A. C. I. Bowker returned 3 down each.

DENISON CUP FINAL.

F. J. de Rome beat A. K. Henderson by 2 up in the final of the Henderson Cup.

GREAT AMERICAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.



GEORGE WASHINGTON.

George Washington's birth day was celebrated in the United States and Great Britain yesterday in notable manner. The President Coolidge delivering an address which was broadcast all over America, and the British Prime Minister opening the new London headquarters of the English-Speaking Union.

HEAVY YEAR.

The Benevolent Society's Report.

PUBLIC AND CHARITY.

Sir Henry Pollock K.C. presided over the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, held at the City Hall to-day when the 37th annual report of the Society's activities was presented.

Supporting the Chairman were Mrs. A. H. Ferguson (retiring President) and Mrs. J. H. Hunt (Honorary Secretary). There was a large attendance of members.

After reading the report, the Chairman said that he was sure that they would agree with him that it was a fine record of work done throughout the year. He would like to emphasize for the benefit of those not at the meeting that it was very important that those who applied to the Officers of the Society for assistance should realize that the Society existed for the purpose of rendering help in all cases of distress except where the applicants were Chinese and Portuguese. As regards the Portuguese, as they were all aware, excellent work was done by their fellow Society, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Cases of Distress. The Benevolent Society, apart from Chinese and Portuguese, heard cases of distress from all others, and as they would see from the report it had had more calls upon it during the past year than during any other previous year in its history. The financial result of that had been that whereas 1926 was started with a balance of \$1,359.76, the year was finished with one of \$681.95 in respect of which he understood there were demands.

In view of the excellent work the Society was doing he hoped that the members joining the Society. The subscription was only \$12 yearly. Surely it was worth the while of anybody to pay that rather than to be troubled with constant applications by people going round for relief to their officers. Members felt that they had a moral right to call upon the Society to enquire into such cases.

The Chairman also emphasized the point that the Hon. Secretary attended daily at the City Hall at 11 a.m. This was important for the public to bear in mind as they then knew what time to send applicants along with a view to their obtaining clothes. In the case of men, the Secretary could inform them how to get into touch with the Rev. G. T. Walgrave who had kindly consented to act in such cases.

Thanks To Workers. On behalf of the Society and the public, the Chairman expressed appreciation of the work of Mrs. Hunt, not only in attending at the City Hall but the large amount of other work connected with the post which she had filled so capably. This was carried with applause.

The Chairman also thanked members and the Committee for the interest they had taken in the work and the time they had given to it and emphasized, in conclusion, that the Society was always willing to receive gifts of clothing. Its work was not confined to those in humble calls of life.

Recently the Society had done good work in helping refugees who, owing to the disturbances in the neighbouring Republic of China had lately had to seek refuge in Hong Kong.

Officers for Year. After the report and accounts had been carried on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mrs.

T. H. King, the following Committee was elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. C. G. Alabaster; Vice President, Mrs. H. A. Nisbet; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Hunt; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith; members, Mrs. D. E. Burlingham, Mrs. R. C. Comrie, Mrs. W. T. Featherstone, Mrs. T. H. King, Mrs. B. Innes, Mrs. F. D. Tracy and Mrs. G. Murray. On the proposition of Mrs. A. H. Ferguson, seconded by Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, a vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried.

The Year Report.

The following is the report on the year's working, read by the Chairman:

The Committee of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society in presenting the report of the work and the financial statement of the Society for the year 1926 states that owing to the trade depression in the Colony during the past year the Society had more calls on it than experienced in any year in its history. Seventy-three applications have been made for relief; embracing in all 133 persons, men, women and children, 47 being new cases. After due investigation, 57 applicants were granted relief; the remainder being found unworthy or were dealt with by other Societies. The total number of persons who have actually received benefit from the Society being 107. In nearly every case clothing has been given.

Thirty-two cases have been assisted financially with sums ranging from \$1.00 to \$272.00. Eleven have been found employment and advertisements inserted in the local newspapers for those unemployed and unable to afford doing so. Twenty-two passengers were secured to various ports, including Australia, America, New Zealand, Malaya, Straits and England. Several other Societies have co-operated with some of these cases, but often this Society has paid the whole amount, also providing landing money in many cases.

Schooling for Children. During the past year 20 children have been supported at different schools and the Society is greatly indebted to the following schools which have made this possible by accepting reduced fees: Diocesan Girls' School, Diocesan Boys' School, Italian Convent, St. Joseph's College.

Twice each year the children are visited by two members of the Committee. Many of these children are the results of mixed marriages. The Hon. Secretary and one or more of the Committee attend the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays at 11 o'clock to interview applicants and to receive gifts of clothing, &c. The great asset these gifts are to the work of the Society cannot be emphasized sufficiently.

The Society has a furnished room in Kowloon to which married couples or women and children can be sent in urgent cases. Also meals are supplied when necessary. Among the various nationalities assisted have been British (including Australian and South African), American, Dutch, Eurasian, Russian, Roumanian, Filipino and Italian.

Thanks to Helpers. The thanks of the Committee are accorded to the Rev. G. T. Walgrave who kindly interviews male applicants before they are referred to the consideration of the Committee. Thanks are also extended to the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mr. J. L. McPherson, the latter for auditing the accounts.

The Committee appreciates the ready co-operation of the following Societies in relieving cases of distress from time to time:

St. Andrew's Society, British Legion, St. George's Society, St. Vincent de Paul, Y.M.C.A., Missions to Seamen.

The Society is grateful to the Colonial Government for the grants of passage, and to the Matilda Hospital and many others for their kind assistance.

The gifts of clothing, &c., sent to the City Hall and the loan of cars to and from hospitals and schools are much appreciated.

Warning to Public.

The Committee would like to warn residents of the Colony against giving money to seemingly distressed cases without first making enquiries of the Hon. Secretary or a member of the Committee as this frequently leads to fraud and overlapping.

During the year the following ladies have served on the Committee:

Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mrs. D. G. R. Black, Mrs. D. Burlingham, Mrs. R. C. Comrie, Mrs. W. T. Featherstone, Mrs. A. H. Ferguson, (President), Mrs. H. E. Goldsmith, (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. A. M. Horder, Mrs. J. H. Hunt, (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. T. H. King, Mrs. G. R. Lindsay, Mrs. G. Murray, (Vice-President), Mrs. H. A. Nisbet, Mrs. H. H. Pethick, (Asst. Hon. Secretary), Mrs. J. Shellshair.

Typical Cases.

Typical Cases assisted by the Society are as follows:—

1. An Englishman with Eurasian wife and child. The man developed poisoning in the leg, was placed in hospital where he had several operations, eventually losing his leg. The child was placed in school at the Society's expense. After the man's discharge from hospital the Society endeavoured to secure him an artificial limb locally. This proving impossible it was decided to send the family to England, where he had relatives. These, however, are too poor to assist financially. For some months the man and his wife were made an allowance for groceries paid through a Comptroller. Eventually three passages were secured to London and the family fitted out with warm clothing, boxes, &c. They were met in London and escorted to their destination in Kent. Sufficient money was sent to the Society's representative in England to keep them until an artificial limb was obtained.

2. An elderly American woman, widow, was married to a Chinese in America many years ago; came to Hong Kong where the husband died. The woman worked in Hong Kong until she became too ill to do so, was sent to hospital for treatment, but is more or less a confirmed invalid. She is now given an allowance which is likely to remain permanent.

3. A Welshman lost his job through his firm reducing staff last summer. He was out of employment for three or four months, his savings nearly all gone. Two thirds of his passage money to Australia was given him. He was met at his destination and a post provided immediately.

4. An Englishman who arrived here from Bangkok in a destitute condition and could not find anything to do, was found, work and his board and lodgings paid until he took up his duties.

Statement of Accounts.

Debit.

To Balance in Current Account, 1-1-26 \$1,359.76
To Subscriptions 294.65
To Donations 2,360.19
To Life Memberships 450.00
To Government Grant 1,000.00
To Dividend: Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. 280.00
To Anxiety 100.00
To Kidney Trust 420.00
To Peak Club Debentures 200.00
To Interest: 1. 5 per cent. War Loan (J. R. M. Smith) 333.83
2. Hong Kong Club Debentures 840.00
3. Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Debentures 20.00
4. Peak Club Debentures 9.95
5. Fixed Deposits 448.80
6. Current Account 21.39
By Balance \$3,035.57

Credit.

By Balance due Hon. Treasurer \$22.38
By Relief of Case 2,355.66
By Education of Children 3,203.20
By Rent of Room for Destitutes 440.00
By Passages, etc. 1,061.63
By Printing, Advertising & Sundries 301.25
By Balance: In Bank 656.95
Less cheque outstanding 20.00
Cash in hand of Hon. Treasurer 11.00
\$3,035.57

OVERPAID CHEQUE?

BANK MANAGER SENT FOR TRIAL.

DEFENDANT'S DENIAL.

Li Yu-wan, manager of the Wah Fung Bank, was yesterday committed for trial at the conclusion of the Magistrate's proceedings on a charge of having accepted \$10,000 against a cheque presented at the Bank of Canton for \$1,000. In the witness box defendant stated that he only received \$1,000. He was called to the Bank of Canton the next day and told the Sub-manager, in reply to questions, that he had only received \$1,000. Defendant also spoke of the threats of three folks who told him that they knew he had received \$9,000 extra from the Bank and that they wanted their share to keep quiet.

With regard to his possession of money on the day in which he was arrested, this was a loan from his cousin, who was manager of the Wing Tung Fook firm. Defendant had often borrowed money from this firm as his cousin had stated in the witness box.

Examined by his counsel (Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C., instructed by Mr. M. K. Lo) defendant said that from the time of his arrest he had consistently denied having received the extra money from the Bank.

Mr. M. M. Watson, for the complainant (a shroff at the Bank of Canton) put it to defendant that his cousin knew nothing of the alleged loans until defendant had told him of his difficulty.

This, defendant denied. Mr. R. E. Lindell, Magistrate, decided that there was a case to answer before the jury at the Criminal Sessions and he committed defendant accordingly.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

Auckland, Feb. 22. A.M.S. "Renown" with the Duke and Duchess of York aboard triumphantly entered the harbour amid the crashes of saluting guns and hundreds of sailing yachts and motor launches filled with cheering people, despite the terrific rainstorm. Enthusiastic crowds broke the police cordon as their Highnesses drove through the streets visiting various centres, after an address of welcome read by the Prime Minister, Mr. Coates at the town hall.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG FEBRUARY 23, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Share Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/4 7/8	2 1/4 7/8	2 1/4 7/8
T.T. on Shanghai	1100 b	1095 b	1100 n
Hongkong Bank	412 1/2 n	421 n	412 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	421 n	421 n	421 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	431 n	432 n	431 n
P. & O. Bank	43 1/2 n	43 1/2 n	43 1/2 n
Bank of East Asia	49 1/2 n	49 1/2 n	49 1/2 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	660 b	650 b 660 s	650 b
China Underwriters	90 n	85 cts s	90 cts b
North China Insurance	1145 n	140 n	1145 n
Union Insurance	285 c	284 b	285 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 1/4 b	30 b	31 1/4 b
Hongkong Steamboats	23 s	21 s	21 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2 1/4 n	1.10 n
Indo-China (Def)	30 s	30 n	30 n
do. (Def)	40 b	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	98 1/2 n	99 1/2 b	100 1/2 n
Star Ferries	55 1/2 b	56 b	55 1/2 b
Water-boats	14 b	14 b	14 n
Rubber.			
China Sugars	22 s	22 s	21 n
Malayan Sugars	34 n	33 s	36 n
Mining.			
Benguet	1.30 n	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	42 1/2 n	40 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	\$24 1/2 n	25 n	21 n
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	12 n	—
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n	5 n	—
Shanghai Loan	7 1/4 n	8 n	—
Raub	4 s	3.40 n	3 1/2 n
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	112 1/2 s	112 s	112 1/2 n
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	37 1/2 s	40 s
Hongkows	15 1/2 n	5 n	150 n
New Engineering	15 1/2 n	5 n	5 n
Shanghai Docks	1102 b	102 b	102 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	8 n	8 b	8 b
Hongkong Lands	56 n	55 1/2 sa	56 s
Hongkong Realty	5 1/4 b	6 s	6 s
H.K. Territorial	2 1/2 n	2 s	2 1/2 s
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2 b	13 n	13 b
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 s	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T 834 n	8 1/2 b	834 n
Oriental	12 1/2 n	2 1/2 b	3 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	153 1/2 n	53 b	54 n
do. (new)	727 n	57 b	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 1/2 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	7 1/2 s	7.90 n	7 s
do. (old)	6 s	7 1/2 n	6 s
do. (new)	14 n	1 n	1 s
China Buses	9 1/2 n	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2 n	14 1/2 b	14.60 n
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 n
do. (new)	7 1/2 b	8 b	8 n
China Prov.	4 1/2 b 48 s	5 s	5 s
Dairy Farms	17 1/2 b	18 b	18 b
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	18 1/4 b	18 1/4 b	18 1/4 b
H.K. Constructions	2.30 b	2.20 b	2.4 b
Hongkong Electric	58 1/2 s	58 b	58 s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	7 s	9 1/2 s
do. (new)	5 s	3 1/2 s	5 s
Hongkong Tramways	22 n	22 n	22 s
Lane, Crawford	8 n	7 s	22 s
Macao Electric	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	9.60 b	9.60 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8 1/2 b	8 b	8 b
Sinceres	9 1/2 s	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	13 1/2 s	9 1/2 b	10 1/2 s
Taxis	1 s	70 c b	65 cts s
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n	—
Watsons	13 b	12 1/2 b	13 b
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3.60 b	3 1/2 b	3 1/2 b

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 13rd February 1927.

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Bank Wire ... 2 1/4 7/8
On demand ... 2 1/4 7/8
30 days sight ... 2 1/4 7/8
4 months sight ... 2 1/4 7/8
Credit 4 months sight ... 2 1/4 7/8
Documentary, 4 months sight ... 2 1/4 7/8
On Paris ... 1850
On demand ... 1850
Credit, 4 months sight ... 1850
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Individuality is stressed in the wrap that is worn upon formal occasions. All sorts of fabrics, designs and trimmings have combined to create a formal covering of rare appeal.

Last season emphasized the importance of the glittering, jewel-like fabric for the wrap, while this season uses glittering materials. It also pays attention to the formal covering of satin, silk and velvet that is designed along distinctive lines.

The popularity of the simple full cape of youthful appeal, with its quaintness and simplicity, has perhaps inspired the simple though luxurious evening wrap for the winter time. The lines are less intricate. The fabrics, while varied and always beautiful, are less jewel-like and the fur is applied in less ornate fashion.

Lines that either reveal a straight silhouette or feature a dolman sleeve are seen sharing the popularity of the purely cape wrap. Plumes have a manner of introducing originality in the elaborate evening coat. Fur, too, lends a note of distinction in its unique application.

The cape that is really a shawl has entered the mode. The fabric, of course, grants warmth and is often of velvet. Deep fringe plays an important part in these shawl wraps of graceful appeal. Fringe plays a distinctive part in the formal coat, too. It is found adding a smart note to the black chiffon velvet coat of rather full lines that is made important by a collar of gray fox, now so much used with black.

Fur and velvet proves a happy combination in all evening wraps. Pale apricot velvet bordered with beige fur and richly collared with the same fur creates another wrap of distinction.

A magnificent wrap of gold and blue velvet, collared and bordered in smoky fox, is given a graceful line by its unusual back of plaits that form a flare. The sleeves, bell like and without fur, are most unusual.

All black velvet in a full cape effect and completely bordered in black fur is as distinctive as it is apt to prove becoming.

The lames, always chic for formal wraps, appear smartly both in cape and coat outlines. They are especially stunning when heavily furled. They prove magnificent

contrasts to brown or black furs and youthfully appealing when banded in white fox. Dorothy Mackinnell, whose role in her latest First National film, "Just Another Blonde," permits her to wear clothes of interest to feminine film-goers, wears an evening wrap of lame in one of the formal scenes. It is of beautifully figured and delicately coloured lame and is completely outlined in wide fox.

THE NEW DANCE CRAZE.

"Do you stomp?" Enthusiastic dancers frequently ask each other this question now that the dancing season has reached its height in Great Britain and all have had hours of assiduous practice.

The stomp step, which is the second stage of the flat charleston, arrived recently from America, where it was revived from a step that was popular there when the charleston was in its infancy.

It is introduced in the second step of the charleston. The ball of the foot is put down flat, and the heel "stomps" the floor on the second beat.

Some say the step occurred originally in a North American Indian war-dance. Will stompers ever carry tomahawks to defend themselves from other, too-energetic stompers?

"Many dancers are learning the stomp step," said Mr. Casani, the dancing teacher, to a Press representative, recently. "It has become a craze. It is a more intricate form of the charleston. Dancers like the rhythm it puts in their steps."

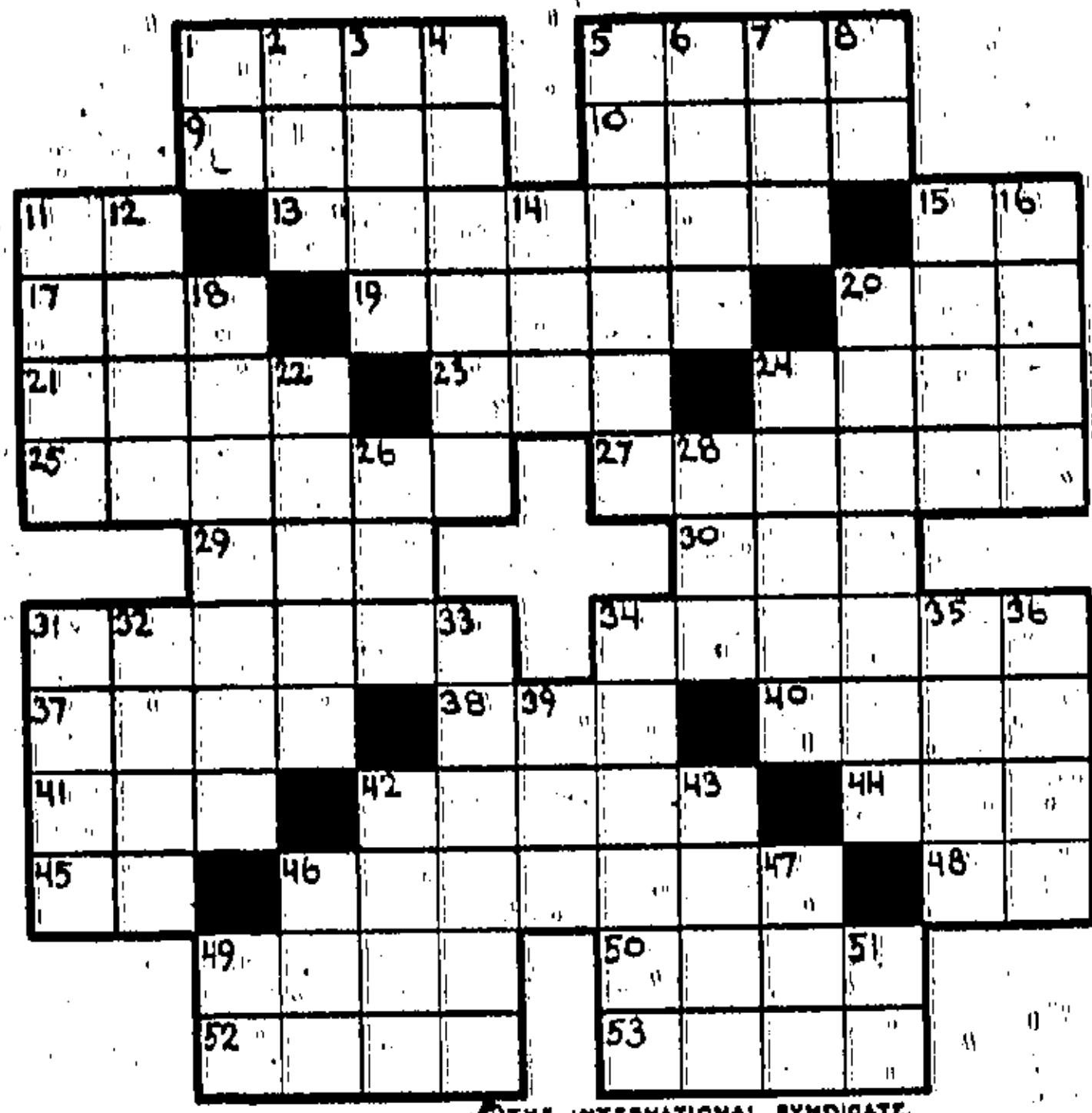
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Indigent
- 5-Capably
- 9-Certain
- 10-Rip
- 11-Saint (abbr.)
- 13-Akin
- 15-Dead head (abbr.)
- 17-Prefix meaning "three"
- 19-An alluring woman
- 20-A grain
- 21-A near relative
- 23-100 years (abbr.)
- 24-A noble
- 25-Festivities
- 27-Fauna
- 29-A monkey
- 30-To find the sum of
- 31-Cleaves
- 34-Expects
- 37-Placed
- 38-Fitting
- 40-Jump
- 41-Conjunction

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 42-Separates
- 44-Brazilian coin
- 45-Exile
- 46-A novel
- 48-Arry officer (abbr.)
- 49-Hearty; healthy
- 50-Coastroy
- 52-Old
- 53-Island, scene of Napoleon's first exile
- 54-Grain
- 55-100 years (abbr.)
- 56-A noble
- 57-Festivities
- 59-Fauna
- 61-A monkey
- 62-To find the sum of
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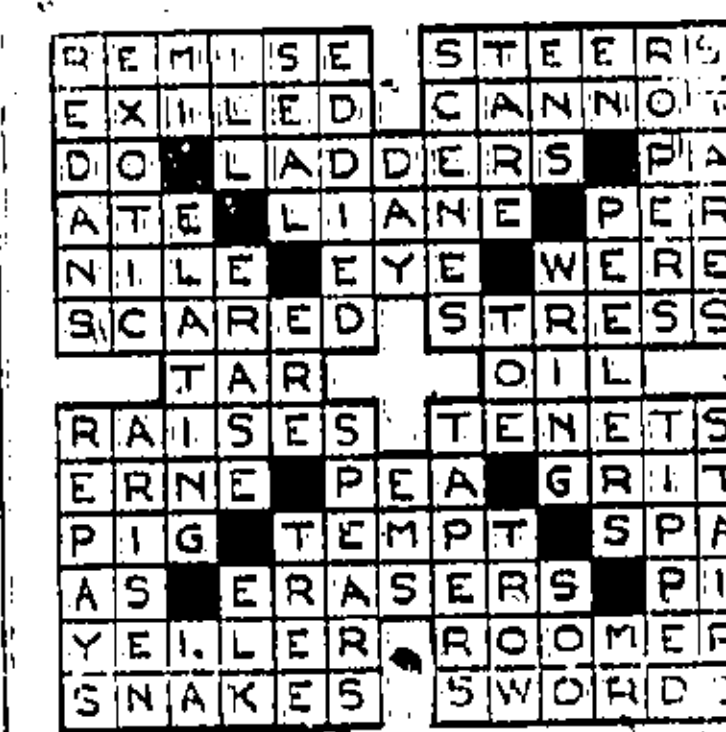
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Loyal
- 14-Metric land measure
- 16-Colored
- 18-Possessive pronoun
- 19-Null
- 20-More willing
- 22-Lukewarm
- 24-Footlever
- 26-Permit
- 28-Uncooked
- 31-A flat piece of stone
- 32-A window-light
- 33-Laid off in space
- 34-Garb
- 35-Chinese monetary unit
- 36-String on a stick
- 38-Skill
- 42-Heap
- 43-Spirit
- 45-To weary
- 47-A pen point
- 49-Half a laugh
- 51-A continent (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES. Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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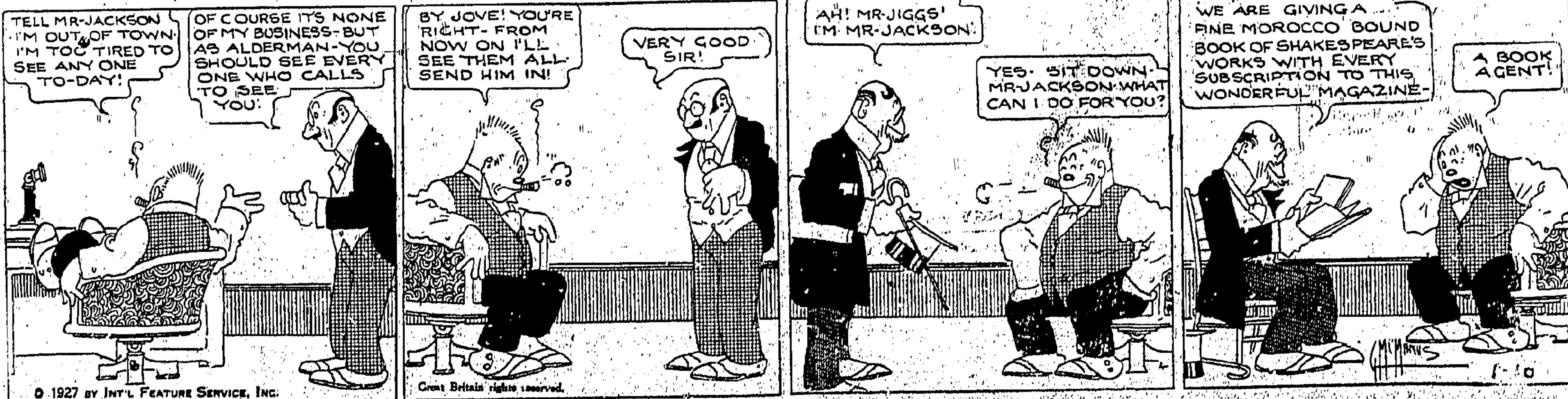
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ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

REPORT ON YEAR'S WORK.

On account of the recent death of the Rev. Mother Felice, the annual distribution of prizes and certificates at the St. Paul's Institution (French Convent School, Causeway Bay), held yesterday afternoon, was of a private nature.

Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools) was present and the Rev. Bishop H. Valtorta gave away the prizes.

By the demise of the Rev. Mother Felice the School has lost one of its best friends. She was the founder of the French Convent School, and since its foundation worked with untiring zeal to bring it up to the high standard which it now enjoys. Her memory will long remain in the minds and hearts of all those who knew her.

By the departure of the Rev. Father Robert another great friend was lost to the school. With his usual foresight he quickly understood the growing requirements of modern education and his zealous efforts procured for the sisters and pupils—amongst other advantages—the fine school which they now possess and for which they will always be indebted to him.

True Education.

In a few appropriate words Bishop Valtorta urged the pupils to do their very best while at the Convent School reminding them, that true education does not consist merely of instruction of the mind but also of the development of the character and of the heart. He added that though many would not be fortunate enough to win certificates and prizes they could all profit by the lessons taught them while at School and could thus become useful and worthy citizens later on.

After the distribution Mr. Ralphs thanked the Lordship for coming to distribute the awards, congratulated the pupils on their success, and with the consent of the teachers granted the pupils a holiday.

Annual Report.

The enrolment and general attendance during the past year have been as usual very satisfactory. The children evidently enjoy coming to school and are certainly less keen on holidays now-a-days, than in former times. This is probably due to the more interesting work now done in schools.

The Preparatory Class for Chinese students has been particularly well attended, and the progress made by these pupils in the English language was remarkable. Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, made his annual visit in November last and his report was encouraging both to pupils and teachers. The building is found excellent, and the discipline and general tone of the school were also excellent.

Perfectly Good Health.

Dr. S. S. Strahan and Dr. W. L. Thomas conducted medical inspections during the year, and their reports show that the children were in perfectly good health. English, both spoken and written, showed improvement throughout. As script writing has been adopted in all the classes an improvement is shown in the hand-writing, which should in time reach a high standard. Geographical maps and drawing (in the various branches) were very good and the needlework excellent. Concluding his report, Mr. Ralphs remarked that the school was continuing to do very useful and satisfactory work.

Examination Results.

One candidate was presented for the Matriculation and passed. This pupil also obtained the Hong Kong Government Scholarship. Last year a pupil from this school also, Miss Agnes Pau, won the same scholarship and both these students have now entered the University. Five students passed the Senior Local, Miss Yvonne Phalavasu obtaining Honours, and distinction in English, French, and needlework. Six pupils passed the Junior local with distinctions in various subjects. Miss Lily Chue was the winner of the Lugard Scholarship for the year 1927.

Names of Friends.

During the year the school was honoured by visits from Lady Clementi, his Lordship Bishop H. Valtorta, Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, the Rev. Mother Visitatrice from France, Mrs. E. P. Minett and others, and the interest shown by these kind visitors in the work of the school was gratefully appreciated by the Mother Superior and Staff.

When the school broke up for the Christmas holidays a little party was held by each class and the pupils received presents which were kindly provided by benefactors of the school.

The Rev. Mother and Sisters wish to tender thanks to those benefactors—to Mrs. C. Montague Ede, for her special prizes for the successful University students, to Mr. Ho Kom-long for a special cup for progress in English in the Chinese Preparatory class and to all friends who have contributed towards suitable rewards for the pupils who have shown good conduct and progress.

Certificates and Prizes.

University Matriculation Certificate, Silver Cup, and Prize: Miss Julia Lam.

Senior Certificate with Honours and Distinction in English, French, and Needlework, and First Prize: Yvonne Phalavasu.
Senior Certificate and Prizes: May O. Hoy, Lily Shenor, Audrey Steel, Lina Silva Netto.
Junior Local Certificates and Prizes: Caeilia Phalavasu (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge), Rose Perry (Distinction in Stenography), Alma O. Hoy (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge), Ruth Nergard, Alek Cheng, Bessie Cheng.
School Certificates of Merit and Prizes: Margaret Hudson, Rosie Li, Sylvia Heysham, Ayesha Dyer, Prizes: Dorothy Hurschbery, Mary Young, Violet Hudson, Mary Addison, Mary Lam, Daisy Wong.
Lugard Scholarship and Prize: Lily Chue.

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One trouble with this world is that there are too many folks who use their horn when they see a pedestrian, instead of their brake.—American Lumberman.

SHOP'S BLACK LIST.

PEOPLE WHO GET CREDIT AND DON'T PAY.

LONDON'S BLACK SHEEP.

If you are one of London's 60,000 who don't pay there is a girl on the fourth floor of a City building who knows all about you. She is in charge of a secret Black List of people who have got credit from London shops and then failed to pay up. There are 60,000 Black Sheep in her great file, and they live in 7,000 different streets. She sits in her room at the offices of the London Credit Traders' Association—the Black List is run for the benefit of the association's members—and every few minutes she tells a shopkeeper at the other end of the phone:

"Mr. Dash, of Blank-street, wants credit? Don't give it to him. We've got him listed as a bad debt under three different names."

The Black List has been organised by the Association's secretary, Mr. G. Harley Denney. "There is every sort of man and woman in its Mayfair is there as well as White-chapel. The disinclination to pay up isn't peculiar to one class or one part of London. We have even a knight on the list. There are some streets in London with 30 or 40 'bad' customers in them. The shopkeepers report their black sheep to us. We put them on the list. And when a shopman rings up to ask about a new customer we can pass the information on."

"There are only about 10,000 women on the list. That's not because women are more honest, but because shopkeepers don't trust them as much as men."

The Black List shows that Jews and Scotchmen are the best payers. Englishmen are just average—not too good nor very bad. Irishmen and Welshmen are the worst.

Some black sheep among the 60,000 have a habit of giving a different name at different shops. But they have to give the same address—and the list instantly exposes them.

Mr. Denney flicked another tray out. There, on the card, was one man—under five different names.

Out of every 20 customers inquired about, three prove to be black sheep, and are shunned.

The funeral of the three sisters named Quigley, of Ballynagar, near Londonderry, who were poisoned by a Christmas meal, and of their aunt who died from shock on hearing the news, took place, the whole countryside joining in the procession.

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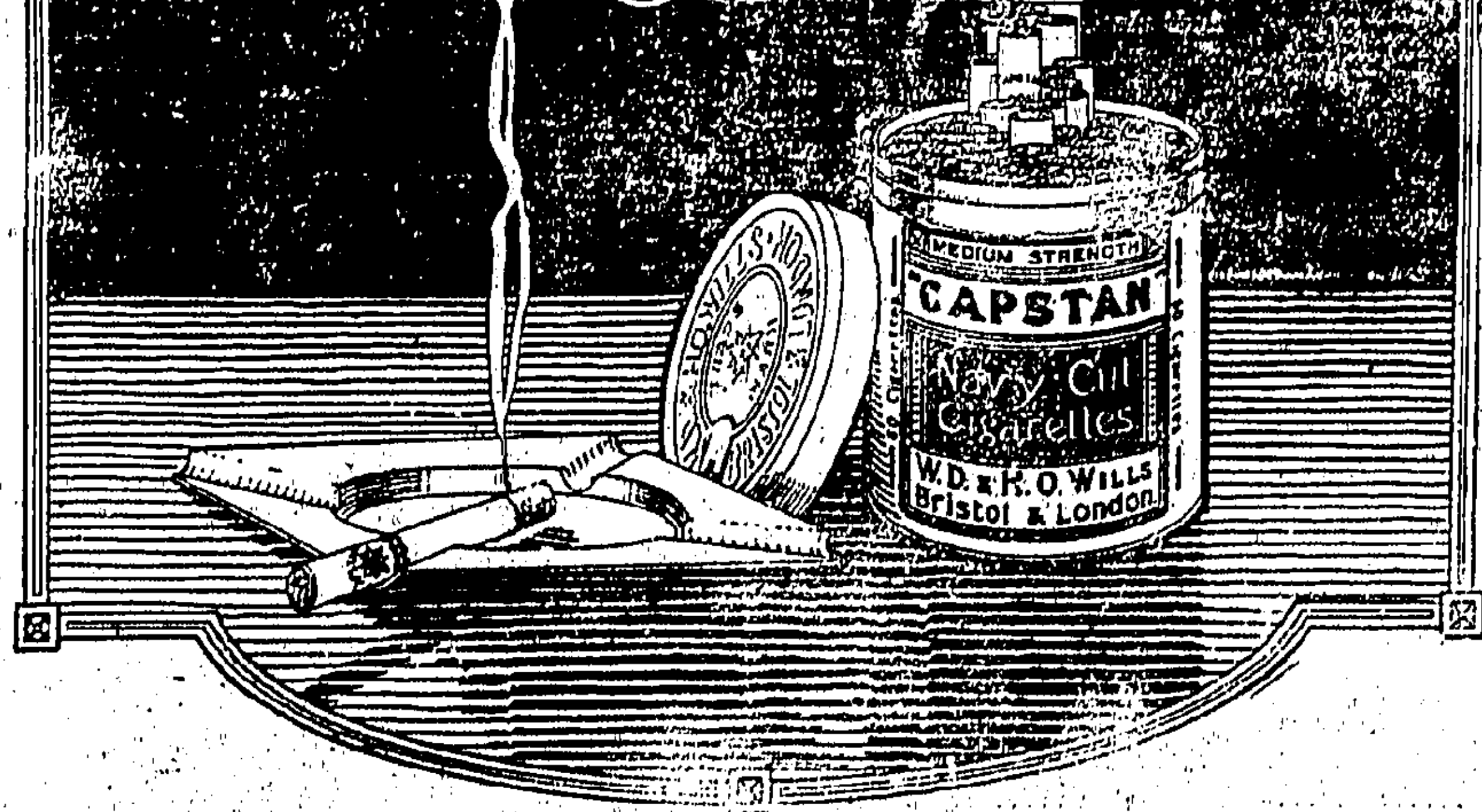
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25	
Japan & Shanghai	Hakusan Maru.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
Straits	Gambia.
Europe via Nagapattam (papers only, London 27th Jan.)	Kanagawa Maru.
Europe via Nagapattam (letters only, London 27th Jan.)	Albert Voegler.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
Manila	Pres. Jefferson.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24	
Shanghai	Tjisurooa 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong	Team 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjikarang 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Tjibodas 11.30 a.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
Manila & Parcels for Germany via Hoihow	Rahr 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th March. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Hakusan Maru.
Straits & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Tacoma Maru 10 a.m.
Straits	Ginyo Maru 10 a.m.
Straits	Chakung 1.30 p.m.
Straits	Pong Tong 3.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hozan Maru 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Asia 9 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
Manila	Pres. Wilson 5 p.m.

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ANOTHER LANDMARK.

Progress Towards World Peace.

WASHINGTON'S INSPIRATION.

London, Feb. 22.
George Washington's birthday was signalled in London by the opening of Dartmouth House, Berkeley Square, the new headquarters of the English-speaking Union, in the presence of a distinguished company, including the Earl of Balfour, Lord Reading, and the American Ambassador.
A cablegram from the former Ambassador Mr. Davis was read, halting the occasion as another landmark in the friendly co-operation towards world-peace.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, opening the building, enumerated the events of the



Mr. Alanson B. Houghton, United States Ambassador to London.

Past years which had tended to improve Anglo-American relations, notably the settlement of the Irish question. Then there were our efforts to see the American prohibition, law maintained by British subjects in dealing with America, and the Washington naval agreement, regarding which the Prime Minister said, speaking individually, he would be only too pleased if further progress were made before long on similar lines.—Reuter.

President's Address.

Washington, Feb. 22.
The whole of America to-day will affix headphones and switch on loud-speakers to listen to an address by President Coolidge on the birthday of George Washington which will be simultaneously broadcast from forty-two stations all over the country.
Other stations are attempting to convey Mr. Coolidge's voice across the Atlantic as far as possible and across the Pacific.—Reuter.

Surprise for London.

London, Feb. 22.
London listeners were surprised this evening by the B.B.C. broadcasting the speech by President Coolidge mentioned earlier which were picked up at the super-receiving station at Keston from Schenectady and relayed to London.—Reuter.

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WIFE GETS USE OF STALELY HOME.

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Los Angeles, Feb. 15.
The use of Charlie Chaplin's stately Beverly Hills mansion was granted to his wife, Lita Grey Chaplin to-day, by Superior Judge Guerin when she testified that she fled from home when her husband threatened her life. Mrs. Chaplin is suing her movie comedian husband for a divorce.
Judge Guerin ordered Chaplin to pay his wife \$3,000 a month temporary alimony beginning March 1. Mrs. Chaplin testified that her husband waved a gun at her and said he would kill her if she left or told the newspapers anything about him. This, she said, happened on the night before she left.
The court had previously ordered Chaplin to pay his wife \$4,000 a month temporary alimony but Mrs. Chaplin has been unable to collect it, so the amount was reduced to \$3,000.
Mrs. Chaplin recently tried to have her husband arrested on a charge of abandonment and failure to provide. His lawyers said the actor had been sending his wife a cheque for \$100 a week. Mrs. Chaplin's attorneys admitted this but said the cheques had not been cashed as they were inadequate and to cash them would be equivalent to admitting they were sufficient.

DID HE KNOW?

OWNER OF A STOLEN JUNK.

BOCCA TIGRIS PIRACY ECHO.

Recognising in a junk putting in at Tai O the vessel which had been taken from his father by force after an attack by pirates off Bora Bora, a Chinese lad informed the local police who had the man in charge arrested.
Charged at the Police station, the man in question denied that he participated in the event. In question or that he knew the junk was stolen. When charged at the Magistracy later he produced a deed purporting to be the deed of sale between him and a Chinese official from whom he stated he had purchased the junk.
The only suspicious fact in the man's story, said Sir J. Kemp, addressing the jury at the trial of the man at the Sessions this morning.

WELCOME FOR PRINCE.

Visit to British Industries Fair.

Rugby, Feb. 22.
Great crowds of buyers and the general public visited the British Industries Fair at Birmingham to-day, when the Prince of Wales also paid his promised visit. His Royal Highness made a tour of inspection of the exhibition and was most enthusiastically received everywhere.—British Wireless Service.

ing, were the fact that the man had not produced the alleged deed of sale at the time of arrest and the fact that this deed was dated at a time when the junk was still in the possession of the real owner (who operated as a fisherman and cargo carrier from Aberdeen).
The defendant's explanation as to why he did not produce the deed of gift when arrested was that the two men who came to his boat at Tai O in consequence of the report of the owner's son told him that it would be no good his producing it. This was denied in evidence by the boatmen.
Mr. H. S. Fitzroy is defending the man charged. The case is proceeding.

A LARGE HAUL.

KOWLOON CITY HOUSE ROBBED.

WOMEN VICTIMS' EVIDENCE

A large haul of jewellery and money from the home of a wealthy Chinese at Ng Tsin Long, Kowloon City, led to the appearance of a Chinese at the Criminal Sessions this morning charged with participation in the robbery in question.
Four men were alleged to have entered the house in question and have threatened the woman in the house and her children with daggers. They then proceeded to ransack the house and took, in addition to necklaces, bracelets, rings and other valuable articles, a sum of money in notes.
Although the men had handkerchiefs over their faces, that around the face of the prisoner slipped off in the course of his work of despoliation and the woman and her elder child had a good opportunity of observing his features.

Meeting a man in Wanchai shortly after the robbery they were so confident that he was the man in question that they informed a Police searcher who had him arrested.
They have since identified him at various parades and again at the Sessions this morning.
The prisoner has denied the charge throughout the proceedings.
Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith is prosecuting for the Crown.

Ex-King George of Greece, who is staying at a villa in Anastasia, Rome, has received visits from many Greek friends and notabilities. He refused to make a public pronouncement, but his friends are convinced that he will shortly return to Greece as King, probably in the spring, if the Premier (M. Zaimas) can settle the outstanding problems.

ACROSS OCEAN.

Italian Aviator's Forced Descent.

BRITISH AIR MAIL GROWS.

Pernambuco, Feb. 22.
The Marquis de Pinedo has arrived at Port Natal, Brazil, completing the trans-Atlantic flight from the Cape Verde Islands, which he left at eleven o'clock last night.—Reuter.

Later.
The Marquis de Pinedo landed at 1.20 in the afternoon, American time.—Reuter.

Forced Descent.

Pernambuco, Feb. 22.
It now appears that the Marquis de Pinedo did not land at Port Natal but was forced to descend into the sea after passing Fernando Noronha, whither he was towed back by the Brazilian cruiser "Barrosa".—Reuter.

25 Tons of Parcels.

Rugby, Feb. 22.
An increase of over eight per cent. on the previous year occurred during 1926 in the British air mail traffic.

The mails for Paris, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Scandinavia and East Baltic countries and Russia substantially increased, but a decrease mainly due to the removal of the British Forces from Cologne occurred in the mails for Germany.

Nearly 17,000 lbs. of letters were carried by air, of which 7,000 lbs. went on the Cairo-Bagdad air mail, this increasing fifteen per cent.

Air mail parcels weighed 25 tons, showing an eleven per cent. increase on the previous year.—British Wireless Service.

Aviation Cup Entry.

Rugby, Feb. 22.
The Royal Aero Club has cabled to the Avco Club of Italy lodging an entry of a full team of three machines for the Schneider Trophy race, which will be flown at Venice in September.

The competing machines will be selected from the Super Marine Napier S five, the Gloster Napier five, and the Bristol Crusader, which are almost completed.

It is probable that three machines will be constructed of whichever of these three types proves best and will be sent to Venice. The other machines will be held in reserve.—British Wireless Service.

COMING PROTEST.

BRITAIN AND COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

A NOTE TO RUSSIA.

London, Feb. 22.
It is learned that Government action regarding Communist propaganda will probably take place and in the form of a Note of Protest, the terms of which will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting, though the degree of severity will probably be a matter for debate for some time.—Reuter.

Soviet Views.

Moscow, Feb. 22.
Addressing the Central Executive Committee, Litvinoff said that influential ex-Tsarist officials were living in London behind an anti-Soviet campaign by Britain.
He asserted that the British Government invariably declined to supply concrete facts whereon their accusations were based.—Reuter.

GARIBALDI'S EXILE.

Havana, Feb. 22.
Ricciotti Garibaldi has arrived here and has been permitted to land at the last minute as a result of the efforts of a number of prominent Cubans.

It is understood the State Department in Washington has asked the French Government for the history of the case.

A descendant of the famous Italian liberator, Ricciotti Garibaldi was accused of plotting in France against the Fascist Government, and was banished from France by the French Government.

ARGENTINE AND DISARMAMENT.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 22.
The Argentine Government has decided not to attend President Coolidge's Disarmament Conference, but to await the results of the Geneva Disarmament Conference.—Reuters American Service.

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